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NONE BUT THE BRAVE DESERVE THE FAIR
THEY WILL ALL BE OUT IN FORCE AT
THE GREAT BELCHERTOWN FAIR
BELCHERTOWN, MASS.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1904
D. F. SHUMWAY, PRESIDENT.
GEO. H. B. GREEN, SECRETARY.

TOWN
OF
BELCHERTOWN

The 137th Annual Belchertown Fair

The Belchertown Fair is one of the oldest, continuous fairs held in New England. The first Belchertown Fair was held on October 25th, 1856 and was sponsored by the Farmer's and Mechanics club. Throughout the years, fair organizers have changed from groups and clubs to presently volunteers from within the community. A great number of hours and tremendous amounts of energy is put forth by these volunteers to provide the community with the best possible fair. As always, the entertainment was varied with something to please all ages. The Fair Committee strives each year to keep the roots of the Fair planted firmly and richly in agriculture, just as it was in 1856 and as depicted on the cover of this book in 1904.

Regardless of where you are, when people know you come from Belchertown, the Fair and childhood memories come to the surface. The 1994 Fair has much in common with the Fairs of old. Throughout its life the Fair has been located on the common, a natural gathering place in the center of Belchertown, symbolic of an agricultural community coming together. Fair reports of old state that Belchertown saw 5,000 visitors in 1882, 8,000 visitors in 1903 and 25,000 visitors in 1912. Current attendance estimates are modest and easily surpassed at 25,000-30,000.

Managing and organizing the Fair is a year long task and as most of you know the quality improves every year. This event continues to be a NON-BUDGETED town event!! There are no line items or tax dollars used to host this each year. The 1994 budget ran approximately $22,000.00-$24,000.00 which was all privately funded monies. The Fair organizers strive to minimize costs and provide great entertainment which is family centered and faithful to the agricultural events of old. As an off shoot, the Friends of the Fair was organized as a means to raise funds for equipment and improvements.

For many of us, the Fair is much more than a small community event. It is our opportunity to ensure a tradition of community within Belchertown and more importantly, Belchertown in the community of Western Mass. The Belchertown Fair has been a part of many family traditions and will continue to be for many years to come.

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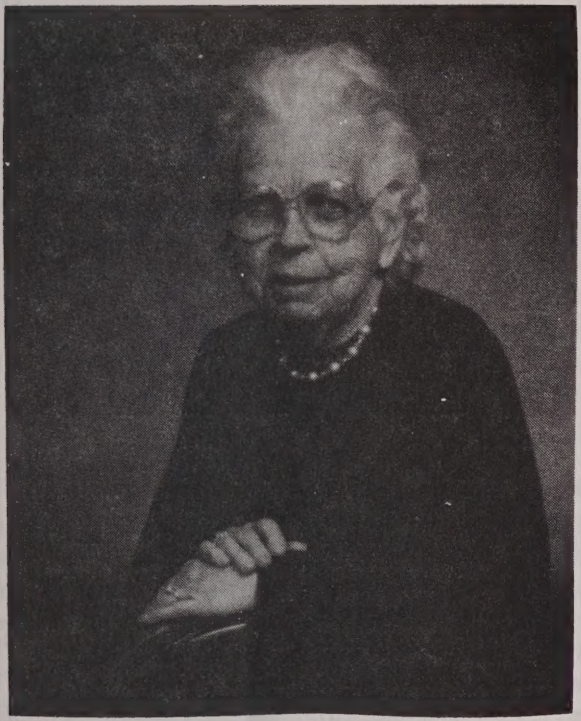
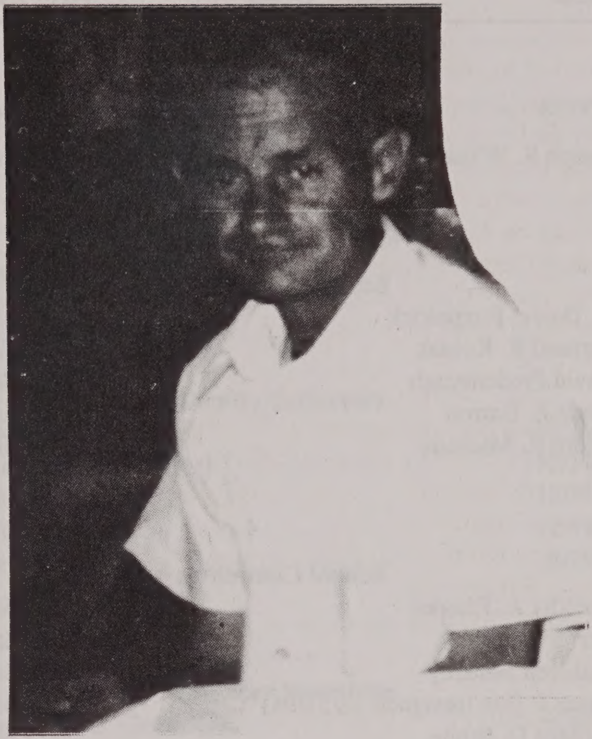


Sophia M. Pero

There are people in the community who through long and
edicated service to a town, become institutions in and of them-
lves. Sophia M. Pero was one of those people. Of course, no
ne who knew her called her Sophia, she was "Mac." "Mac"
as a 1929 graduate of Pembrook College of Brown University
d the first job she had was teaching Belchertown High School.
he earned a masters degree in English from Columbia Univer-
ty and did further graduate work at the University of Massa-
usetts, Harvard, and Boston University. With a gap of four
ears, from 1937 through 1941, Mrs. Pero taught in our schools
om 1929 through 1972, thirty-nine years of service.

As generations of students passed through her classes, they
ound her a Master Teacher; also, a teacher who could recite
our whole "family tree" and their grade average! Now, "Mac"
s left us and a very important part of our Town has gone with
er. We miss her and the warm continuity she gave us.



Edward Martin

Edward Martin, better known as "Marty" to his many friends and co-workers, passed away suddenly on August 20, 1994

Marty began is employment at the Highway Department in December of 1974. Early on in his career, Marty shared his time as a laborer between the Highway Department and Landfill.

As time went on, his involvement with the Landfill became his primary function. Most recently Marty served as Landfill Transfer Station Operator and Recycling Coordinator. A more knowledgeable recycler would be hard to find.

Always willing to offer assistance to anyone in need or simply listen to an old story, Marty will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all.

1994 TOWN OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator

Joseph R. White	5/1995

Board of Selectmen

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	5/1995
Bernard R. Kubiak	5/1995
David Fredenburgh	5/1996
Linda E. Barron	5/1997
Andre R. Michaud	5/1997

School Committee

Dorothy A. Rhodes	5/1994
Kurt Swanson	5/1994
Kathleen Beresky	5/1995
James P. Fox (resigned 12/31/94)	5/1996
Richard D. White	5/1996
Barbara Schaffer Bacon (elected 5/16/94)	5/1997
Sharon D. Barnett (elected 5/16/94)	5/1997

Planning Board

Christopher Rice	5/1994
James D. Hodgen	5/1995
Michael A. Beresky	5/1996
Elizabeth C. Chase	5/1997
Douglas F. Albertson	5/1998
J. Arnold Voehringer (elected 5/16/94)	5/1999

Planning Board-Alternates
(Members appointed)

J. Arnold Voehringer (to reg. Member 5/94)	5/1994
Michael T. Henry (appt. 9/12/94	6/30/95

Planning Board - Associate Member

Narda L. Wakoluk (appt. 9/12/94)	6/30/95

Cemetery Commissioner

David G. Hodgen	5/1995
Floyd R. Peeso	5/1996
Paul C. Cook	5/1997

Housing Authority

Antoinette M. Kubiak (Governor's Representative)	
Tracey L. Thompson	5/1994
Louise M. Butler	5/1995
Thomas T. Soja	5/1996
James A. Barry	5/1998
Richard T. Kane (appt. 10/24/94)	5/1995

Tree Warden

Michael J. O'Brien	5/1994

Sewer Commissioners

Harry L. Bougham (elected until 5/16/94)	5/1994
Robert A. Dewhurst (elected)	5/1995
Albert F. Dewhurst (elected)	5/1996

Board of Health

David M. Haines	5/1995
Denise Finn-Rizzo	5/1996
Donald L. Minney	5/1997

County Commissioner

Bernard R. Kubiak	5/1995

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School
District Committee Member

Michael A. Roncolato	11/1994
Judith C. Dudek	11/1996
David H. Squires	11/1995

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/1995
Mary S. Pratt	5/1996
Kenneth H. Snow	5/1997

lmoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

rginia M. Hislop	5/1995
net L. Wood	5/1995

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Clerk

illiam R. Barnett (elected until 5/16/94, then appt.)	6/30/97

Treasurer-Collector

illiam R. Barnett	6/30/97

Board of Assessors

illiam H. Fitzpatrick (elected 5/17/93)	5/1995
uline C. Johnson (elected 5/17/93)	5/1996
asimir W. Owczarski (elected until 5/16/94 then appt.)	6/30/97

Executive Secretary

nne M. Alzapiedi	6/30/96

Procurement Officer

nne M. Alzapiedi

Town Accountant

eanor W. Green	6/30/96

Assistant Town Accountant

l M. Besancon	6/30/95

Assistant Town Clerk

arol E. Hubbard	6/30/95

Assistant Town Treasurer

loria J. Conkey	5/1995

Assistant Tax Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/95

Assistant Assessor

Adolph B. Cunha	6/30/95

Planning Technician

Susan M. Gay

Deputy Collectors

Lisa M. Banner (office)	12/1995
Gloria J. Conkey (office)	12/1995
Christine T. Jeffery	12/1995
Reid C. Jeffery	12/1995
Shirley Dillard	8/1995

Finance Committee

Jacquelyne F.B. Gauthier	6/30/95
William A. Terry	6/30/95
Daniel H. Hennessy	6/30/96
David M. Barszcz (resigned 9/94)	6/30/96
Gregory R. Dillard (appt. 10/28/94, resigned 11/13/94)	6/30/96
Thomas M. Grady	6/30/97

Town Counsel

Leonard Kopelman, Attorney	6/30/95

Fire Chief

Samuel J. Joyal (retired 2/28/94)	6/30/94
Edward F. Bock (Acting Chief)(appt. eff. 3/1/94)	

Forest Fire Warden

Samuel J. Joyal (retired 2/28/94)	6/30/94
Edward F. Bock (Acting Warden)(appt. eff.3/1/94)	

Director of Public Works

Gary L. Brougham

Director of Inspection Services

David C. Holmes	6/30/95

Asst. Inspector of Buildings

Christopher Allison	6/30/95

Wiring Inspector

Edward S. Czech (resigned 12/31/94)	6/30/95

Asst. Wiring Inspector

Douglas Rae	6/30/95

Inspector of Plumbing

Owen P. Clifford, Jr.	6/30/95
Danny Champagne (appt. 1/94 for an interim period)	

Asst. Inspector of Plumbing

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/95
Danny Champagne (appt. 6/6/94)	6/30/95

Gas Inspector

Owen P. Clifford, Jr.	6/30/95
Danny Champagne (appt. 1/94 for an interim period)	

Asst. Gas Inspector

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/95
Danny Champagne (appt. 6/6/94)	6/30/95

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	6/30/95

Assistant Dog Officer

Philip Riverin	6/30/95
Judith Roberts (appt. 5/9/94)	6/30/95

Veterans Services Agent

A. William Carrier	6/30/9

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Michael O'Brien	6/30/9

Sealer of Weights & Measures

David C. Holmes	6/30/9

Zoning Enforcement Officer

David C. Holmes	6/30/9

Veterans Graves Officer

David Lecours	6/30/9

Asst. Graves Officer

Wayne W. Buchanan	6/30/9

Registrars of Voters

Joyce E. Ferguson	3/31/9
M. Florine Neggers	3/31/9
Dorothy M. Brennen	3/31/9

Assistant Registrars

Robert Hansbury(Belchertown High School)	3/31/9
Richard M. Sinloski (Pathfinder)	3/31/9

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault (appt. 9/6/94)	8/31/9

Election Officers

Precinct A

Alice M. Burke (warden)	8/31/9
Rosemary Hodgen (clerk)	8/31/9

Warden
Precinct B

auline Johnson (appt. 5/9/94)	8/31/95
iane Ricchiazzi (clerk)	8/31/95

Precinct C

ileen D. Staples (warden)	8/31/95
tanley Antonovitch (clerk)	8/31/94
lizabeth Leger (clerk)eff. 8/31/94	8/31/95

Board of Appeals

lichael A. Roncolato	6/30/95
tephan B. Wurmbrand	6/30/96
cott Surner	6/30/97

Associate Members-Board of Appeals

aul Vanasse	6/30/94
homas W. Shattuck	6/30/95
andra Webb	6/30/95

Civil Defense Director

harles Darling	6/30/95

Deputy Director-Civil Defense

avid Lecours	6/30/95

Civil Defense Radio Officer

harles F. Darling	6/30/95

Members-Civil Defense Dept.

avid Reed (appt. 1/31/94)	6/30/94
nne Alzapiedi (appt. 1/31/94)	6/30/95
ary L. Brougham (appt. 1/31/94)	6/30/95
oseph Lawler	6/30/95

War Memorial Committee

dward O. Lofland	6/30/94
rancis A. Dudek	6/30/95
avid A. Lecours	6/30/96
eo Beauchemin (appt. 7/25/94)	6/30/97

Roy F. Whidden (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/97
Hebert E. Squires (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/97

Rationing Board

David H. Squires	6/30/95
Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/96
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/97

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/95

Personnel Board

Stanley G. Wyman	6/30/95
Marcel F. Archambault	6/30/96
David A. Reed	6/30/97

Recreation Director

Ronald Constantino	6/30/95

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

David Woodcock	6/30/94
Thomas E. Sullivan	6/30/95
Robert L. Chartier	6/30/96
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/96
Patricia Burton	6/30/97
David S. Whipple (appt. 8/22/94)	6/30/97
Garry M. Bock, Associate (appt. 8/22/94)	6/30/95

Conservation Commission

Jennie T. Greene	6/30/95
Alice L. Kuc (resigned 10/31/94)	6/30/95
Robert W. Stover (appt. 11/14/94)	6/30/95
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/96
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/96
Hubert F. Greene	6/30/97
David M. Haines	6/30/97
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/97

Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range

Alice Kuc	6/30/95

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Elizabeth Chase, Member	
Michael Beresky, Alternate	5/24/94
Douglas Albertson, Alternate (eff 5/24/94)	

Pioneer Valley Planning commission's Joint Transportation Committee

J. Arnold Voehringer	6/30/95
Gary Brougham, Alternate (appt.2/22/94)	6/30/95

PVTA Advisory Board

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/95

Historical Commission

Paul R. Lussier	6/30/94
Kirk Stephens	6/30/95
Thomas O'Neill (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/96
MaryJane Pi-Sunyer (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/97

Council on Aging

Louis E. Fuller (resigned 12/29/94)	6/30/95
Joan Hutchinson	6/30/95
Madeline M. Linde	6/30/95
Jeannette M. Crowther	6/30/96
Eva "Terri" Ericksberg	6/30/96
Florine Neggers	6/30/96
Robert Lavoie	6/30/96
Carl Takvorian (resigned 5/12/94)	6/30/96
Edith H. Lamica (app. 11/14/94)	6/30/96
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/97
Michelle Ouhl	6/30/97
Casimir W. Owczarski	6/30/97

Belchertown Cultural Council

David Jacobson	6/30/94
Eileen Klockars	6/30/94
Karen Schiffer	6/30/95
Pat Warner (resigned 10/1/94)	6/30/95
Judy McQuillen (appt. 10/17/94)	6/30/95
Donna M. Kendall	6/30/96
Paul A. Marean	6/30/96
Rev. Andrew S. Wetmore	6/30/96
Mary Avery (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/97
Gloria Fox (appt. 8/8/94)	6/30/97

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Roy A. Voci	6/30/94
Debra Whitney	6/30/94
Linda E. Barron	6/30/95
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/95
Laurel Hellerstein	6/30/95
Janes P. Kearney	6/30/95
Clarence E. Kaye (appt. 6/13/94)	6/30/95

Rent Control Board

William Barnett	6/30/95
George R. Harrell(appt. 7/11/94)	6/30/96
John D. Burns	6/30/97
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	6/30/98
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/99

Recycling Committee

Lynn Bock	6/30/94
James G. Geruntho	6/30/94
William Gwozdz	6/30/95
Sheryl Lyles	6/30/96
Phillippe Deguise	6/30/97

Belchertown Fair Committee

Wendy Fugler	6/30/94
Patrice Angeloni	6/30/9
Roxanne Austin	6/30/9
William Austin	6/30/9
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/9
Cindy Brown	6/30/9
Kevin Brown	6/30/9
Linda Gay	6/30/9
Frances Lofland	6/30/9
Nancy Searle	6/30/9
Robert Wilson	6/30/9
Mark Nute	6/30/9
Robert Squires	6/30/9
Laura Squires	6/30/9
Karen Miron	6/30/9
Cindy Phaneuf	6/30/9
Maureen Madden	6/30/9

Safety Committee

Anne M. Alzapiedi	6/30/9
Gary Brougham	6/30/9
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/9
Robert Knight	6/30/9
Carla Kutt	6/30/9
William Linde	6/30/9
James R. Phaneuf (appt. 2/7/94)	6/30/9

Elementary School Building Committee

Pauline Johnson	Final Report
Kevin P. Lucey	Final Report
Sharon C. Marean	Final Report
Everett C. Hume	Final Report
Alan E. Weiss	Final Report
David Fredenburgh	Final Report
James P. Fox	Final Report
Robert B. Byard, Associate Member	Final Report
Peter Crowley, Associate Member	Final Report
Michael E. Smith, Associate Member	Final Report

Fire Station Building Committee

Samuel J. Joyal	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
Edward Block	Final Report
Richard Knight	Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes	Final Report
David Brown (resigned 1/29/94)	Final Report
Homer J. Stebbins	Final Report
Charles Agen, Electrical Advisor	Final Report
Bruce Officer, Alternate	Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate	Final Report
Robert L. Brock (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Report
Michael Brougham (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Report

Eastern Hampshire Regional Refuse Committee

Disbanded 5/9/94

Robert Hislop	6/30/94
Norman Loftus	6/30/95
William G. Whitlock	6/3096

Belchertown Historic District Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/95
Stephen R. Woolf	6/30/95
John B. Curry, III	6/30/96
Richard J. Davitt, Jr.	6/30/96
Doris M. Dickinson	6/30/97

Committee to Oversee "Willard Stebbins Acct"

Bernard R. Kubiak (from Bd. of Selectmen)

Ambulance Operations Manager

David Conkey	6/30/95

Ambulance Committee

Disbanded 2/28/94

Christopher N. Bak	Final Report
Ronald Beaver	Final Report
Gary Booth	Final Report
Charles Cavagnaro	Final Report
David Conkey	Final Report
David Fredenburgh	Final Report
Richard Hutchinson	Final Report
L. Colleen McKeon	Final Report

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Roy Whidden	Final Report
Robert Byard	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Moreno	Final Report
Sharon Zukowski	Final Report
David C. Holmes	Final Report
Anne M. Alzapiedi	Final Report
Lee Concheri	Final Report
Daryl Herrick	Final Report
Jennifer Bagnell	Final Report
Mary F. Platt	Final Report

Hampshire County Group Health Insurance Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Eleanor Green

Economic Development & Industrial Corp.

Stephen Lanphear	6/30/95
Steven McCafferty	6/30/95
Harry Nelson (resigned 3/24/94)	6/30/95
Robert Brinkman	6/30/96
Dolores Sutton (resigned 9/26/94)	6/30/96
Jeanette Rossi (appt. 9/26/94)	6/30/96
David Devine (appt. 4/4/94)	6/30/97
Arthur Fiorelli (was at-large member, appt 4/4/94 as reg. member)	6/30/95
William G. Whitlock (at large)	6/30/97
Patrick Landers, ex-officio	
Francesca Maltese, ex-officio	
Jonathan Spiegel, associate member	
Gregory Galanek, associate member	
Judith A. Hubach, associate member	
Frances Callahan, associate member	

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Steven D. Rose	3/31/95
Gloria E. Ortiz	3/31/96
Roger W. Bacon	3/31/97
Neil S. McCann	3/31/98
Janise G. Fitzpatrick	6/30/99
John Malone, associate member	
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr., associate member	
William F. Steplar, associate member	

MRF Management Task Force

Norman Loftus	Final Report
William G. Whitlock	Final Report

Police Station Building Committee

John Curry, III	Final Report
Peter Burton	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Sylvia Conkey	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
James Boyko	Final Report
Jack Holmes (resigned 2/24/94)	Final Report
Christopher Donelan (resigned 1/3/94)	Final Report
Joseph Rebello, associate member	Final Report
Dominic Colaccino, associate member	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, ex-officio	Final Report
Linda Barron, Selectman, ex-officio	Final Report

High School Study Committee

Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
David Hamel	Final Report
James Brown	Final Report
Edward Perry	Final Report

Advisory Committee for Renovations to Nursery II

Casimir Owczarsik	Final Report
Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Walter Papp	Final Report
Walter Michkosky	Final Report
Louise Wadsworth	Final Report
William Linde	Final Report
Sharon Zukowski	Final Report
Madeline Linde	Final Report
Bernard Kubiak, ex-officio	Final Report

Police Candidate Review Committee

Peter Burton	6/30/9
Patricia Sheridan	6/30/9
Orin Bracey	6/30/9

Rail Trail Committee

Lewis Louraine	Final Repo
Peggy Louraine	Final Repo
Alice Kuc	Final Repo
Heather Henderson	Final Repo
Lawrence Tucker	Final Repo
William Sharpe	Final Repo
Ed Radwilowicz	Final Repo
Wm. Gerry Whitlock	Final Repo
Robert Kruse	Final Repo
Paul Keating	Final Repo
Robert J. Raith	Final Repo
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Repo
Phil Klausmeyer (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Repo
Marianne Chumbley (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Repo
Daniel Chumbley (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Repo
Sue Ordinetz (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Repo
Jean Arey (appt. 3/21/94)	Final Repo
Jay Holtzman (appt. 5/23/94)	Final Repo
Herbert Squires (appt. 5/31/94)	Final Repo

Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee

David Haines	6/30/9
Robert Stover	6/30/9
Christopher Rice (appt. 1/10/94)	6/30/9

Committee to Evaluate the Status of the Quabbin Health District
(appt. 7/5/94)

Paul Anziano	Final Repor
Christopher Bak	Final Repor
Andrew Beall	Final Repor
Robert Bishop	Final Repor
John Clegg	Final Repor
Gregory Galanek	Final Repor
Walter Henry, Jr.	Final Repor

Local Emergency Planning Committee
(appt. 10/24/94)

Edward Bock
Robert Knight
Gary Brougham
Anne M. Alzapiedi

Police Department

Chief

Robert A. Knight	6/30/95

Sergeant (Full-Time)

Francis Fox	6/30/95
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/65
William C. Zobka	6/30/95

Constable

John Milner	6/30/95
Andrew Sears	6/30/95

Patrol Officers (Full Time)

William D. Beatty, Jr.	6/30/95
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/95
Sean Bracey	6/30/95
James Jackson	6/30/95
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/95
Jeffrey Sendek	6/30/95
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/95
William A. Panto	6/30/95
Edward H. Oey	6/30/95

Patrol Officers (Part Time)

Kevin Antonovitch	6/30/95
John Bonafini	6/30/95
David A. Conkey	6/30/95
Sean Hamel	6/30/95
James Taylor	6/30/95
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/95
Scott A. lynch	6/30/94
Stephanie M. Miller	6/30/95
Stephen J. Boyle	6/30/94
David A. Black	6/30/95

Special Police Officer

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/95

Crossing Guards-School Traffic

Hector Tetrault	6/30/95
Janet Misischia	6/30/95
Andrew T. Sears, Jr. (sub)	6/30/95
Sophie H. Supczak	6/30/95
Edward Czech(sub) (appt. 8/94)	6/30/95

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Health Officer-Quabbin Health District

Judy Moreno, Officer	6/30/95
Roger Bonsall, Asst. Health Officer	6/30/95

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/95

Physician Advisor to Board

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/95

Inspector of Animals

Stephen C. McGinnis (resigned 12/15/94)	3/95

Board of Selectmen

During the past year the Board of Selectmen and the Town have met a number of challenges and have seen a number of long--standing projects come to completion. Although money is still very tight, the budget approved at Town Meeting last May has allowed for a little growth in some departments, for restored hours to Town Hall offices, and for the new position of Director of Computer Services and Procurement.

At the annual election Linda Barron was re-elected to her third term as Selectman and I to my second. Bernard Kubiak-Vice Chairman, W. Daniel Fitzpatrick and David Fredenburgh complete the Board.

At the Annual Town Meeting last May, the participants authorized the creation of a committee to study all aspects of the Town withdrawing from the Quabbin Health District. The committee's report is expected to be presented to the Town in May '95.

This past May the Town also unanimously voted to withdraw from the Hampshire Regional Refuse District. New regulations and recycling efforts have proven that Belchertown will fare better on its own.

We were also able to enlarge Lake Vale Cemetery and enacted one f the recommendations to clean up the lakes as outlined in the Lycott Study. The lakes have deteriorated further since that study was completed. The Board has committed to pulling together a group to determine which would be the most cost effective. In the meantime, a grant application has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Management to financially assist the Town in removing several large floating peat hedges which threaten the outlet of Lake Metacomet as well as impede use of the launching ramp.

This fall the Daigle Well Project was completed and numerous households are already on line. It took much longer than expected to complete and to meet the functional requirements o the contract, but this source now supplies not only the lakes region, but also the existing water district including a new tie-in t Chestnut Hill Community School.

The State School property remains vacant except for th three buildings used for elementary schools while awaiting th construction of our new elementary building. The Draft Plan fo development of the property as a Comprehensive Senior Citizens Community that was submitted by the EDIC has been accepted by the Town. (report elsewhere) The Board is also pursuing the creation of a "Justice Center" whereby many of the functions of the Ware District court would move to Belchertown a an expanded Eastern Hampshire District Court, maintaining War as a satellite operation. This proposal has earned the support o Judge Gibbons of the Ware Court as well as of our neighborin communities that would join this new Court.

With the receipt of $1.3 million from the State for capita improvements, the Board accepted the sewerage treatment plan Design bids are being prepared for its upgrade and capacity expansion.

In an effort to remain competitive and equitable regardin salaries for the Town's employees and Department Managers the Selectmen authorized two professional studies to evaluat job descriptions and responsibilities and to make compensatio recommendations. The Management Salary Study conducted b the office of Mirick, O'Connell, MeMallie & Lougee was received by the Board in April and the Classification & Compensation Plan prepared by MMA Consulting Group was receive by the Board in November. These have been referred to the Personnel Board for their review / recommendations prior to bringing them to Town Meeting for approval.

In order to better inform our State Legislators of the Town' most pressing needs that may depend on pending or future legislation, a report which we call "The legislative Wish List" ha been created which details the financial and statutory change desired by the Town. This list includes many of the projects fo which we have been preparing: new fire station, Rail Trail, several accessibility projects, BSS re-development, Police facility Senior Center, Recreation Center, Teen Center,sewer line extension, and the new court building.

Undoubtedly the event of the past year most indelibly inscribed in the minds of our Towns people is the fire of August which claimed five businesses and three apartments housed i the National Historic Register buildings at the corner of Mai and Maple Streets. Many people worked long hours fighting th fire, assisting the crews, and aiding the victims. This spirit o volunteerism and cooperation will be long remembered. it i expected that the Vernon Lodge of Masons will construct a ver similar building at that corner.

The same spirit of volunteerism and cooperation that has helped through times of crisis also sees the Town through many of its daily activities. This is evident in the schools, on the playing fields, on the Fair grounds, in the meeting rooms and in the Town offices. We recognize and thank all of the people who give so much of themselves for our Town and for our causes.

In this review of the past year there are also references to plans for the future. There are many challenges before us, but with Belchertown's spirit they will be met successfully.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre R. Michaud
Chairman

Executive Secretary

It is the Executive Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and with the assistance of the town staff, that coordinates the diverse needs of the Town. Policies and procedures must be advanced which creatively balance service demands against cost. Although the Town achieved many accomplishments which will be discussed in later pages, the following achievements are worth special note:

- Last year a Customer Service Team was formed to streamline Town services and make resident interaction with Town departments easier and more effective. Although the actions of this team will be ongoing, the group has completed the following:
    - Citizen Evaluation Cards have been designed, printed, and are being used by the public to evaluate town services and personnel.
    - A Customer Service Handbook has been drafted, outlining the various workings and services of the Town. A draft of the handbook is still being reviewed and a final copy should be printed in Spring 1995.
    - A Residential Development guide has been created and is available at Town Hall. This guide provides an outline and flow chart of the steps necessary in residential construction. It is the Town's hope to create many more such guides to assist the public in the rules, regulations, and state law that we must follow.
- 1994 marked the first year that the Town created a Legislative Request List. Specifically, this list addressed both fund-

ing requests and legislative changes that the Town will be needing in the future. This list was completed at the end of 1994 and delivered to our three legislators. Members of the Selectmen and the Executive Secretary met with all three legislators to outline our goals for the future. This list will be updated on a quarterly basis to provide our legislative delegation with the most recent developments in our community.

- The Board of Selectmen requested that an ad-hoc committee be formed to address public safety. Currently, the Public Safety Team is made up of the Police Chief, Acting Fire Chief, Ambulance Operations Manager, DPW Director, and is chaired by the Executive Secretary. The charge of this team is to evaluate the Town's public safety strategy and training. During 1994 and through 1995, the team has been evaluating preparedness for a Hazardous Materials Incident. To date training has been addressed and the completion of a HazMat Plan and mock incident are scheduled for sometime during the Summer of 1995.

- Training is an ongoing process for the Town staff. Although each department receives specific training and professional development relative to the specific nature of the department, the Town also offered some additional training. Specifically, management staff received a seminar on Employment and Personnel issues and at least one staff member from each of the Town buildings received CPR training. It is the Town's intention to offer additional training to staff in the future as we believe that a commitment to furthering professional skills will improve service to the resident customer.

- There were two new additions to the staff. Sheila Zahaykevitz was hired in a newly created position of Computing and Purchasing Director and Edward Bock was appointed as Acting Fire Chief.

- The Town received a 1994 Lake and Pond Grant that assisted in funding weed treatment of lakes Metacomet, Arcadia, and Holland Pond. In an effort to maintain the lakes, the Town has also filed a 1995 Lake and Pond Grant to remove floating islands in Lake Metacomet.

As you will read in individual department reports, the Town has accomplished much during the past year. We are looking forward to 1995 to tackle the many challenges faced by such a growing community in an effective and proactive manner. I am proud of the professionalism displayed by the employees of the Town and enjoy being a contributing member of the Belchertown team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Alzapiedi,
Executive Secretary

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met on the second Wednesday o each month in 1994. Members were David Reed, Marce Archambeault and Stanley Wyman. Elected officers were Chair man David Reed and Stanley Wyman, clerk.

The Personnel Board took the following action durin 1994:

- Reviewed the position of the Library Director and recommended a salary range.

- Met with the Board of Assessors regarding office staf reclassification.

- Participated with the Board of Selectmen in a join workshop.

- Participated in a staff meeting of Town Departmen managers.

- Presented a motion, adopted by the Annual Town Meeting, to increase the salary of several employees unde Appendix A, Section E, of the Personnel By-Law; and under Appendix B, an increase in the compensatio matrix for all full-time employees, except those classified as management/professional, Senior Center services or members of recognized unions. The compensation matrix increase amounted to 4%.

- Sent a memorandum to all non-union employees regarding adherence to the Belchertown Personnel By-Law Section 6, Paragraph B, (2), (e), relating to the timely use of accrued vacation time.

A Personnel classification and compensation study was undertaken in 1994 at the request of the Board of Selectme and with the concurrence of the Personnel Board. The MMA Consulting Group, Inc. was contracted to conduct the study and their final report was being reviewed as the year ended.

Respectfully submitted,

PERSONNEL BOARD

David Reed, Chairman
Stanley Wyman, Clerk
Marcel Archambault, Member

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee members are appointed by the Town Moderator and serve without compensation. No member may hold any other elective Town position during their term. The committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other town officer or board. The two primary functions of the committee are to:

(1) serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and

(2) administer the Town's Reserve Fund.

In its advisory capacity the committee reviews budget requests for each town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town meeting. The committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Special or Annual Town Meeting.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund utilized to fund non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting.

The Town of Belchertown continues to grow by population and by fiscal spending. The Town's budget has grown an outstanding 61.2% over the last seven years, but yet the spending has not kept pace with our growing population. Statistics show that the Finance Committee and the Town have been holding the line on excessive spending and watching out for your tax dollar. Thus the Town's budget is not an extravaganza for spending, but merely reflects town government attempting to supply services to its citizens at a reasonable price.

However there are several key financial issues facing our growing town.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is in the second year of the Education Reform Act. The Town is contributing an increase in per pupil funding satisfactory to the Department of Education. However, although the State Legislature did provide an increase in state aid to the Town, it was significantly lower than that promised. Fortunately the Finance Committee was extremely conservative in its revenue projection, especially relative to state aid, thus there is no impact to the Town's approved operating budget. The Finance Committee is anticipating less of an increase next year following an election year.

The Legislature approved 76% reimbursement funding for the bonding and commencement of construction of a new elementary school. The Town budget will begin seeing an increase next year as debt payment for this project begins. In future years the budget will increase when we begin to incur operational expenses for this new facility.

Town Meeting approved several Finance Committee recommended requests for Capital Items purchases within the FY95 budget. With budgetary cuts over the last six years, such investments were not possible. Those items recommended by the Finance Committee were deemed cost beneficial to the Town at this time. Given current revenue projections, it was decided not to borrow for these items (increasing the Town debt) as done for some items last year, but rather reflect the recommended capital purchases within each departments' respective operation expense budgets.

In FY94, three new department heads were hired. A new department head and several key personnel positions were approved by Town Meeting for inclusion within the FY95 budget and hired. Town Meeting also approved a 4% increase in salaries and wages for all department heads and non-union employees, commensurate with Town unions' negotiated increases. Now the Board of Selectmen are recommending salary range adjustments for department heads. With other pressing financial issues facing the town, the Finance Committee has reviewed this recommendation and have informed the Selectmen of several points of concern with this proposal. Additionally, the majority of the negotiated union contracts expire in FY95 and negotiations are beginning on future contracts, potentially having a greater impact on the Town budget.

Since Fiscal Year 1990 (FY90) through this year, the Town has spent every available dollar on current expenses, leaving virtually nothing for future projects. The Finance Committee cautions the Town for the need to fund major future projects and endeavors, such as:

* New Police Station & staff
* New Fire Station & staff
* New Senior Center
* New/Expanded Senior High School
* Additional Recreational Facilities
* Closure/Capping of Town Landfill
* Repairs to Town Buildings & Schools
* Physical Plant Equipment Upgrades
* continued mandated increase in per pupil spending each year

The Town should once again begin to rebuild the Stabilization Fund so to be in a position to address such major Capital expenditures. In FY94, the Finance Committee sought out revenues and recommended to Special Town Meeting a token increase to the Stabilization Fund, which the Town voted to approve. In FY95 the Town will be receiving one-time only revenues this year that should immediately be earmarked for this fund, and not be considered for budgetary or short term projects. Through the Stabilization Fund monies, the tax rate can be offset to lessen the tax burden to the Town Taxpayers.

Growth is putting greater fiscal demands on our town. With new streets, homes and people come the needs to protect and educate our families and to preserve the high quality of life in Belchertown. The need for new schools, police station, fire station, etc., reflect our population growth demands. The Finance Committee will continue to work hard with the Board of Selectmen and School Committee to bring the needed services to our citizens. We will continue to take the hard stance when spending is not prudent. This is our commitment to the residents and tax payers of Belchertown.

The Finance Committee encourages citizens' involvement and invites public participation at its meetings and hearings. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at Lawrence Memorial Town Hall. All meetings of the committee are posted in advance with the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belchertown Finance Committee
Thomas M. Grady, Chair
Jacqueline F.B. Gauthier, Vice-Chair
Daniel H. Hennessy, Clerk
William A. Terry
Ronald E. Aponte

Town Accountant

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 1994

Year	Principle	Interest	Total
1995	684,104.00	250,243.70	934,347.70
1996	658,730.00	223,225.50	881,955.50
1997	648,720.00	195,952.75	844,672.75
1998	619,320.00	168,150.75	787,470.75
1999	561,000.00	142,243.75	703,243.75
2000	506,000.00	118,622.50	624,622.50
2001	486,000.00	95,692.50	581,692.50
2002	481,000.00	72,650.00	553,650.00
2003	456,000.00	49,675.00	505,675.00
2004	441,000.00	27,250.00	468,250.00
2005	31,000.00	15,540.00	46,540.00
2006	31,000.00	13,900.00	44,900.00
2007	31,000.00	12,350.00	43,350.00
2008	31,000.00	10,800.00	41,800.00
2009	31,000.00	9,250.00	40,250.00
2010	31,000.00	7,700.00	38,700.00
2011	31,000.00	6,150.00	37,150.00
2012	31,000.00	4,600.00	35,600.00
2013	31,000.00	3,050.00	34,050.00
2014	30,000.00	1,500.00	31,500.00
	5,850,874.00	1,428,546.45	7,279,420.45

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
JUNE 30, 1994

	Fund Balance 7/1/93	Additions	Fund Balance 6/30/94
Poor Funds:			
Susan M.D. Bridgman	5,150.00		5,150.00
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High Sch.	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Frank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	7,194.51	95.00	7,289.51
Pension Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	68,097.14	3,540.00	71,637.14
Susan M.D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	117,541.65	3,635.00	121,176.65

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
JUNE 30, 1994

	Balance 7/1/93	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Designated For Subsequent Years Expense	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/94
Poor Funds:								
Susan D. Bridgman	48,089.64		10,975.41	5,691.66			53,467.01	53,467.01
Whiting Street	27,583.33		2,022.14				29,605.47	29,605.47
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	1,998.16		204.71				2,202.87	2,202.87
Calvin Bridgman H.S.	5,631.59		664.10				6,295.69	6,295.69
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Lib.	3,215.69		351.42				3,567.11	3,567.11
Town Clock Fund:								
Frank Scialla Mem.	1,575.95		193.12				1,769.07	1,769.07
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Mem.	1,041.43		571.66				1,613.09	1,613.09
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	6,560.95		2,726.12	2,708.00			6,579.07	6,579.07
Nellie E. Brown	3,040.97		205.49	50.00			3,196.46	3,196.46
Susan M.D. Bridgman	727.53		41.71				769.24	769.24
Willard Stebbins	3,234.40		282.82				3,517.22	3,517.22
Vianna E. Somes	1,338.90		85.98				1,424.88	1,424.88
Pension fund	5,486.20		529.84				6,016.04	6,016.04
Harold Hollings Fund	169.82				169.82		-0-	-0-
Conservation Fund	15,750.04		902.53	407.40			16,245.17	16,245.17
Stabilization Fund	100,796.86	60,000.00	4,244.26				164,947.50	164,947.50
	226,241.46	60,000.00	24,001.31	8,857.06	169.82	-0-	301,215.89	301,215.89

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS
JUNE 30, 1994

	Loan Insured	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/93	Paid In FY 1994	Outstanding 6/30/94	Due In FY 1995
Warren Wright Water Loan	1980	5.0	2,300.00	2,300.00	-0-	-0-
Rita Lane Water Loan	1984	5.0	1,630.00	330.00	1,300.00	330.00
Bay Road Water Loan	1983	5.0	9,600.00	2,400.00	7,200.00	2,400.00
Daigle Well/Water Line	1994	5.0	-0-	-0-	619,000.00	31,000.00
Middle School Loan	1992	4.55	5,395,000.00	575,000.00	4,820,000.00	560,000.00
George Hannum Sewer Loan	1992	6.4	223,000.00	45,000.00	178,000.00	45,000.00
Combined Maint./Equipment Loan	1993	4.25	-0-	-0-	225,374.00	45,374.00
Lawrence Memorial Hill Renovation	1988	8.25	60,000.00	60,000.00	-0-	-0-
			5,691,530.00	685,030.00	5,850,874.00	684,104.00

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1994

	General Government Type Funds			Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Type	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Expendable Trusts	Memorandum Only
REVENUES:							
Taxes	7,704,875.08						7,704,875.08
State Receipts	4,583,160.34						4,583,160.34
Excise Taxes	609,465.72						609,465.72
Tax Liens	91,312.73						91,312.73
Lien Taxes	8,600.61						8,600.61
Licenses & Permits	122,799.10						121,799.10
Special Assessments	357.80						357.80
Interest	201,859.71	1,562.29		662.23		24,001.31	228,085.54
Fines & Forfeits	82,365.50						82,365.50
Departmental Revenue	152,509.50						152,509.50
Fees	95,275.30						95,275.30
Off-Set Receipts	54,001.20						54,001.20
Other	190,532.98			320.00		60,000.00	250,852.98
Grants		602,756.57	781,000.00				1,383,756.57
User Fees		497,661.19		285,980.73	136,550.40		920,192.32
Construction Guarantees		1,500.00					1,500.00
Gifts		97,400.92					97,400.92
Total Revenues	13,896,115.57	1,200,880.97	781,000.00	286,962.96	136,550.40	84,001.31	16,385,511.21
EXPENDITURES:							
General Government	725,998.11	36,343.75				407.40	762,749.26
Protection	897,907.79	72,819.03					970,726.82
Education	8,591,446.28	787,830.08					9,379,276.36
Public Works	559,180.09	57,449.50				2,758,00	619,387.59
Environmental				179,210.19	203,022.84		382,233.03
Human Services	192,175.70	215,978.09				5,691.66	413,845.45
Culture & Recreation	265,640.11	77,527.72					343,167.83
Unclassified	799,487.85						799,487.85
Debt & Interest	899,414.13			57,832.00			957,246.13
State Assessments	86,002.00						86,002.00
Prior Year Expenditures	134,347.85				1,716.15		136,064.00
Construction			884,619.43				884,619.43
Loan Repayment			618,000.00				618,000.00

	General Government Type Funds			Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Type	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Expendable Trusts	Memorandum Only
EXCESS OF REVENUES							
Over (Under) Expenditures	744,515.66	(47,067.20)	(721,619.43)	49,920.77	(68,188.59)	75,144.25	32,705.46
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Operating Transfers In	228,050.03		619,000.00		50,000.00		897,050.03
Operating Transfers (Out)	50,000.00	2,506.21				169.82	52,676.03
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING Sources (Uses)	178,050.03	(2,506.21)	619,000.00	-0-	50,000.00	(169.82)	844,374.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES, OTHER Financing Sources Over (Under) Expend. & Other Financing (Uses)	922,565.69	(49,573.41)	(102,619.43)	49,920.77	(18,188.59)	74,974.43	877,079.46
Fund Balance 7/1/93	653,632.62	500,436.99	167,813.01	149,876.45	68,909.50	226,241.46	1,766,910.03
Fund Balance 6/30/94	1,576,198.31	450,863.58	65,193.58	199,797.22	50,720.91	301,215.89	2,643,989.49

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED WITH AUTHORIZATIONS
FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1994

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered To FY95
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	25.00		25.00	-0-	
Selectmen	17,811.00	450.00	17,890.80	370.20	
Executive Secretary	60,973.00		60,805.51	167.49	
Finance Committee	185.00		161.25	23.75	
Reserve Fund	30,000.00	(16,341.71)		13,658.29	
Accountant Secretary	125,202.00		124,487.68	714.32	
Assessors	144,603.00	3,500.00	132,375.88	15,727.12	8,000.00
Treasurer-Collector	129,302.00	1,900.00	113,349.20	17,852.80	
Town Clerk	38,817.00		38,748.34	68.66	
Law Account	58,300.00		55,790.32	2,509.68	
Election & Registration	7,525.00		5,680.57	1,844.43	
Conservation Commission	13,851.00		13,821.67	29.33	
Pioneer Valley Planning	1,527.75		1,527.75	-0-	
Planning Board	17,069.00		15,655.61	1,413.39	
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,550.00		1,208.79	341.21	
Mobilehome Rent Control	200.00		-0-	200.00	
E.D.I.C.	15,000.00		4,155.84	10,844.16	
Maintenance/Grounds	117,816.00		117,010.33	805.67	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	21,374.00		21,097.58	276.42	
Printing Annual Report	3,600.00		2,205.99	1,394.01	
	804,730.75	(10,491.71)	725,998.11	68,240.93	8,000.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	657,213.00	2,500.00	645,560.45	14,152.55	
Police Station	46,650.00		6,296.21	40,353.79	40,000.00
Fire Department	298,739.00		113,270.59	185,468.41	185,039.00
Hydrant Service	14,200.00		14,200.00	-0-	
Ambulance	33,775.00		33,098.57	676.43	
Inspection Services	67,243.00	820.30	67,916.16	147.14	
Civil Defense	750.00		662.64	87.36	
Dog Officer	10,087.00	780.40	10,845.42	21.98	
Tree Warden & Forestry	9,200.00		6,057.75	3,142.25	
	1,137,857.00	4,100.70	897,907.79	244,049.91	225,039.00

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered To FY95
EDUCATION					
Town Schools	8,475,311.00		8,153,169.28	322,141.72	303,029.11
Regional School	438,278.00		438,277.00	1.00	
	8,913,589.00	-0-	8,591,446.28	322,142.72	303,029.11
PERSONAL SERVICES	223,321.00		216,081.67	7,239.33	
Professional Engineering	10,500.00		5,729.25	4,770.75	
Construction Materials	16,000.00		15,646.42	353.58	
Snow & Ice Control	128,000.00		127,916.86	83.14	
Street Lighting	29,000.00		26,486.86	2,513.14	
Road Machinery Expense	66,700.00		59,510.87	7,189.13	
Streets	40,000.00		39,649.89	350.11	
Town Garages	10,480.00		10,213.77	266.23	
Hired Services	25,000.00		23,444.50	1,555.50	
Traffic Light Reconfiguration	5,000.00		-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Lakes-Well Control	34,500.00		34,500.00		
	588,501.00	-0-	559,180.09	29,230.91	5,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES					
Cemetery Commission	26,305.00		26,298.45	6.55	
Board of Health	17,600.00		14,212.13	3,387.87	
Quabbin Health District	47,854.06		47,854.06	-0-	
Council on Aging	128,522.00		87,526.57	40,995.43	35,000.00
Veterans Services	27,620.00	92.50	16,284.49	11,428.01	
	247,901.06	92.50	192,175.70	55,817.86	35,000.00
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Clapp Memorial Library	115,019.00		114,829.30	189.70	
Recreation Department	136,051.00	5,335.55	138,650.47	2,736.08	70.00
Old Town Hall	12,400.00		10,680.43	1,719.57	
Town Common	1,050.00		814.91	235.09	
Town Clock	400.00		400.00	-0-	
Historic District	348.00		70.00	278.00	
Historical Commission	250.00		-0-	250.00	
Patriotic Exercises	300.00		195.00	105.00	
	265,818.00	5,335.55	265,640.11	5,513.44	70.00

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered To FY95
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS					
Unclassified	30,300.00		28,991.86	1,308.14	
Pensions	319,051.00		318,910.94	140.06	
Insurance	427,366.00	749.83	391,585.05	36,530.78	
Stabilization Fund	60,000.00		60,000.00	-0-	
	836,717.00	749.83	799,487.85	37,978.98	-0-
DEBT & INTEREST					
Maturing Debt	640,030.00		640,030.00	-0-	
Interest	259,171.00	213.13	259,384.13	-0-	
	899,201.00	213.13	899,414.13	-0-	-0-
SUMMARY					
General Government	604,730.75	(10,491.71)	725,998.11	68,240.93	8,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property	1,137,857.00	4,100.70	897,907.79	244,049.91	225,039.00
Education	8,913,589.00	-0-	8,591,446.28	322,142.72	303,029.11
Public Works	588,501.00	-0-	559,180.09	29,320.91	5,000.00
Human Services	247,901.06	92.50	192,175.70	55,817.86	35,000.00
Culture & Recreation	265,818.00	5,335.55	265,640.11	5,513.44	70.00
Unclassified Accounts	836,717.00	749.83	799,487.85	37,978.98	-0-
Debt & Interest	899,201.00	213.13	899,414.13	-0-	-0-
	13,694,314.81	-0-	12,931,250.06	763,064.75	576,138.11
Encumbered Funds	167,361.93	-0-	134,347.85	33,014.08	31,963.00
Totals	13,861,676.74	-0-	13,065,597.91	796,078.83	608,101.11
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Executive Secretary Search Committee	1,500.00		448.92	1,051.08	
Assessors Mapping	7,350.00		7,350.00	-0-	
Law Account	1,475.39		1,475.39	-0-	
Patriotic Exercises	150.00		150.00	-0-	
School Teacher Salaries	124,449.04		124,449.04	-0-	
School Building Committee	13,937.50		474.50	13,463.00	13,463.00
Fire Station Building Committee	12,500.00		-0-	12,500.00	12,500.00
Hazardous Waste Suits	6,000.00		-0-	6,000.00	6,000.00
	167,361.93	-0-	134,347.85	33,014.08	31,963.00

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPE & ACCOUNT GROUPS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1994

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	(20,162.56)	497,986.03	65,193.58	212,710.31	84,021.12	418,892.54		1,258,641.02
Investments						3,500.00		3,500.00
Petty Cash Advance		500.00						500.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	2,780,449.35							2,780,449.35
Excise Taxes	310,537.72							310,537.72
Tax Liens	528,152.70			7,139.97				535,292.67
Lien Taxes	7,792.09							7,792.09
Special Assessments	3,224.70							3,224.70
User Charges	25.94			54,504.56				54,530.50
Departmental	39,302.54							39,302.54
Due from Other Gov'ts		448,545.11	378,092.00					826,637.11
Less Allowance For Uncollected Accts.	(262,331.79)							(262,331.79)
Tax Foreclosure	904.71							904.71
Amount to be Provided For Payment of Debt							5,850,874.00	5,850,874.00
Escrow Trust Fund							5,030,203.27	5,030,203.27
Total Assets	3,387,895.40	947,031.14	443,285.58	274,354.84	84,021.12	422,392.54	10,881,077.27	16,440,057.89
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	425,044.71	47,122.45		12,913.09	33,300.21			518,380.46
Employee Withholdings	72,221.18							72,221.18
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	418,117.56							418,117.56
Excise Taxes	310,537.72							310,537.72
Tax Liens	528,152.70			7,139.97				535,292.67
Lien Taxes	7,792.09							7,792.09
Special Assessments	3,224.70							3,224.70
User Charges	25.94			54,504.56				54,530.50
Departmental	39,302.54							39,302.54

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Other Governments		448,545.11	378,092.00					826,637.11
Unclaimed Checks	7,277.86							7,277.86
Due Other Governments	.09							.09
Bond Indebtedness							5,850,874.00	5,850,874.00
Refinancing Bond Debt							5,030,203.27	5,030,203.27
Total Liabilities	1,811,696.91	495,667.56	378,092.00	74,557.62	33,300.21	-0-	10,881,077.27	13,674,391.75
FUND EQUITY								
Reserve for Encumbrance	608,101.11							608,101.11
Unreserved:								
Designated for Su S. Year Expenses		461,363.58	62,393.68			301,215.89		814,973.15
Undesignated	974,414.20			199,797.22	50,720.91			1,224,932.33
Fund Balance Reserved for Over (Under) Estimates	(6,317.00)							(6,317.00)
Reserved						121,176.65		121,176.65
Bid Forfeiture			2,799.90					2,799.90
Total Fund Equity	1,576,198.31	451,363.58	65,193.58	199,797.22	50,720.91	422,392.54	-0-	2,765,666.14
Total Liabilities And Fund Equity	3,387,895.40	947,031.14	443,285.58	274,354.84	84,021.12	422,392.54	10,881,077.27	16,440,057.89

Report of the Town Treasurer

July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994

Cash on hand 6/30/93	$2,437,686.82	Payments, as authorized	$23,114,710.61
Receipts 7/1/93-6/30/94	21,417,634.19	Cash on hand 6/30/94	740,610.40
	23,855,321.01		23,855,321.01

Interest income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts, & Stabilization Account - $36,735.37

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/93-6/30/94, as authorized

Note #	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
915	Municipal Purpose	State Street Bank & Trust	12/20/93	225,374.00	12/20/94 through 12/20/98	4.25	4,789.20
916	Tax Anticipation (new)	State Street Bank & Trust	12/30/93	1,000,000.00	3/10/94	2.50	4,861.11
917	Tax Anticipation (new)	Flagship Bank & Trust	5/16/94	1,500,000.00	6/30/94	3.00	5,500.00

TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Account	6/30/93	Deposits	Interest & Div	Transfers & Withdrawals	6/30/94
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	12,082.14	-	664.10	-	12,746.24
George Longley	4,114.18	-	204.71	-	4,318.89
Susan Bridgman (Cemetery)	944.69	-	41.71	-	986.40
Whiting Street	38,847.30	-	2,022.14	-	40,869.44
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	4,879.26	-	282.82	-	5,162.08
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,355.17	-	351.42	-	4,706.59
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	58,639.80	3,200.58	3,076.82	4,389.76	60,527.44
Vianna Somes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,690.60	-	85.98	-	1,776.58
Nellie Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	4,157.01	-	205.49	50.00	4,312.50
Perpetual Care (MMDT) (Cemeteries)	67,860.26	-	2,321.75	7.00	70,175.01
Perpetual Care (Reg.) (Cemeteries)	9,202.39	3,600.00	404.37	2,701.00	10,505.76
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	3,791.89	-	193.12	-	3,985.01
Conservation Fund	16,378.03	-	902.53	-	17,280.56
Stabilization Fund (Baybank)	43,021.76	-	729.49	43,751.25	.00
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	57,775.24	103,751.25	3,415.35		-164,941.84
Pension Reserve Fund	15,486.20	-	529.84	-	16,016.04
Senior Center Trust	8,618.88	95.00	476.92	-	9,190.80
	351,844.80	110,646.83	15,908.56	50,899.01	427,501.18

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Barnett
Treasurer

Report of Town and Tax Collector

July 1, 1993 June 30, 1994

Fiscal 1975 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		356.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

Fiscal 1976 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		234.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

Fiscal 1979 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/60/93		891.48
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	891.48	
	891.48	891.48

Fiscal 1980 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		957.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	957.60	
	957.60	957.60

Fiscal 1981 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		792.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	792.40	
	792.40	792.40

Fiscal 1982 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		1,163.14
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	1,163.14	
	1,163.14	1,163.14

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		72.59
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	72.59	
	72.59	72.59

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		538.85
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	538.85	
	538.85	538.85

Fiscal 1988 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		1,586.44
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	1,586.44	
	1,586.44	1,586.44

Fiscal 1989 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		4,872.76
Refunded		22.52
Abated	22.52	
Collected	16.23	
Outstanding 6/30/94	4,856.53	
	4,895.28	4,895.28

Fiscal 1990 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		10,868.01
Refunded		119.94
Abated	25.09	
Collected	5,178.59	
Outstanding 6/30/94	5,784.27	
	10,987.95	10,987.95

Fiscal 1991 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		106,178.72
Committed for Collection		1,718.78
Refunded		2,338.22
Abated	2,338.22	
To Tax Title	9,782.51	
Collected	68,098.69	
Outstanding 6/30/94	30,016.30	
	110,235.72	110,235.72

Fiscal 1992 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		273,035.68
Committed for Collection		2,775.64
Refunded		6,859.66
Abated	6,985.46	
To Tax Title	11,410.35	
Outstanding 6/30/94	93,770.84	
	282,670.98	282,670.98

Fiscal 1993 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		720,685.48
Refunded		27,106.55
Abated	25,566.12	
To Tax Title	96,660.56	
Collected	381,153.70	
Outstanding 6/30/94	243,411.65	
	747,792.03	747,792.03

Fiscal 1994 Real Estate

Outstanding 6/30/93		3,522,041.60
Committed for Collection		1,825,252.91
Refunded		19,912.03
Abated	14,450.78	
Collected	5,004,124.15	
Outstanding 6/30/94	348,631.61	
	5,367,206.54	5,367,206.54

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		286.56
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	286.56	
	286.56	286.56

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		330.10
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	330.10	
	330.10	330.10

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		224.42
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	224.42	
	224.42	224.42

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		270.38
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	270.38	
	270.38	270.38

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		346.69
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	346.69	
	346.69	346.69

Fiscal 1988 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		359.93
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	359.93	
	359.93	359.93

Fiscal 1989 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		511.61
Collected	9.12	
Outstanding 6/30/94	502.49	
	511.61	511.61

Fiscal 1990 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		2,872.25
Collected	15.58	
Outstanding 6/30/94	2,856.67	
	2,872.25	2,872.25

Fiscal 1991 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		6,327.01
Collected	2,260.50	
Outstanding 6/30/94	4,066.51	
	6,327.01	6,327.01

Fiscal 1992 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		18,447.93
Refunded		148.09
Abated	148.09	
Collected	10,519.61	
Outstanding 6/30/94	7,928.32	
	18,596.02	18,596.02

Fiscal 1993 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		33,087.11
Refunded		312.11
Abated	452.16	
Collected	13,384.37	
Outstanding 6/30/94	19,563.09	
	33,399.62	33,399.62

Fiscal 1994 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/93		86,769.75
Committed for Collection		43,251.94
Abated	1,067.51	
Collected	105,766.08	
Outstanding 6/30/94	23,188.10	
	130,021.69	130,021.69

1992 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/94		88.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	88.40	
	88.40	88.40

1993 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/93		170.00
Collected	85.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	85.00	
	170.00	170.00

1994 Bay Road Betterment

Committed for Collection		571.20
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	571.20	
	571.20	571.20

1993 Warren Wright Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/93		272.80
Collected	272.80	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	272.80	272.80

1994 Warren Wright Betterment

Committed for Collection		909.30
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	909.30	
	909.30	909.30

1991 Water Liens

Outstanding 6/30/93		125.94
Collected	100.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	25.94	
	125.94	125.94

1989 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		201.75
Collected	200.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	1.75	
	201.75	201.75

1990 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		196.48
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	196.48	
	196.48	196.48

1991 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		216.38
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	216.38	
	216.38	216.38

1992 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/93		1,100.81
Collected	868.03	
Outstanding 6/30/94	232.78	
	1,100.81	1,100.81

1993 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/93		8,485.19
To Tax Title	4,120.91	
Collected	4,117.56	
Outstanding 6/30/94	246.72	
	8,485.19	8,485.19

1992 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/93		20,341.78
Collected	13,170.54	
Outstanding 6/30/94	7,171.24	
	20,341.78	20,341.78

1993 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		218,088.42
Abated	86.02	
Collected	199,416.56	
Outstanding 6/30/94	18,585.84	
	218,088.42	218,088.42

1994 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		72,713.62
Abated	43.58	
Collected	44,816.67	
Outstanding 6/30/94	27,853.37	
	72,713.62	72,713.62

1983 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		107.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding	107.50	
	107.50	107.50

1984 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		148.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	148.50	
	148.50	148.50

1985 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		115.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	115.50	
	115.50	115.50

1986 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1987 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1988 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		345.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	345.50	
	345.50	345.50

1989 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		174.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	174.50	
	174.50	174.50

1990 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		411.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	411.50	
	411.50	411.50

1991 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		448.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	448.50	
	448.50	448.50

1992 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		410.13
Collected	117.63	
Outstanding	292.50	
	410.13	410.13

1978 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		7,210.23
Collected	41.80	
Abated	7,168.43	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	7,210.23	7,210.23

1979 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		10,326.88
Abated	10,307.08	
Collected	19.80	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	10,326.88	10,326.88

1980 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		9,546.46
Abated	9,443.33	
Collected	103.13	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	9,546.46	9,546.46

1981 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		2,907.39
Abated	2,893.62	
Collected	13.77	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	2,907.39	2,907.39

1982 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		3,847.83
Abated	3,830.33	
Collected	17.50	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	0.00
	3,847.83	3,847.83

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		3,021.56
Collected	11.71	
Outstanding 6/30/94	3,009.85	
	3,021.56	3,021.56

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		3,408.19
Collected	64.68	
Outstanding 6/30/94	3,343.51	
	3,408.19	3,408.19

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		4,430.96
Collected	226.24	
Outstanding 6/30/94	4,204.72	
	4,430.96	4,430.96

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		4,287.14
Collected	353.76	
Outstanding 6/30/94	3,933.38	
	4,287.14	4,287.14

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		9,562.48
Collected	192.61	
Outstanding 6/30/94	9,369.87	
	9,562.48	9,562.48

1988 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		12,668.39
Refunded		10.00
Collected	1,479.49	
Outstanding 6/30/94	11,198.90	
	12,678.39	12,678.39

1989 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		16,924.81
Refunded		288.10
Abated	289.69	
Collected	4,347.16	
Outstanding 6/30/94	12,576.06	
	17,212.91	17,212.91

1990 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		18,504.12
Committed for Collection		431.25
Collected	6,565.43	
Outstanding 6/30/94	12,369.94	
	18,935.37	18,935.37

1991 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		18,561.61
Committed for Collection		946.12
Refunded		243.85
Abated	212.50	
Collected	8,453.01	
Outstanding 6/30/94	11,086.07	
	19,751.58	19,751.58

1992 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		24,461.75
Committed for Collection		8,454.02
Refunded		497.37
Abated	1,284.14	
Collected	19,569.51	
Outstanding 6/30/94	12,559.49	
	33,413.14	33,413.14

1993 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/93		106,881.12
Committed for Collection		211,976.50
Refunded		4,345.51
Abated	11,095.29	
Collected	291,182.82	
Outstanding 6/30/94	20,925.02	
	323,203.13	323,203.13

1994 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for Collection		495,691.00
Refunded		1,241.89
Abated	9,857.42	
Collected	283,276.56	
Outstanding 6/30/94	203,798.91	
	496,932.89	496,932.89

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/93		7,894.05
Committed for Collection		36,507.16
Abated	790.32	
Collected	22,275.87	
Outstanding 6/30/94	21,335.02	
	44,401.21	44,401.21

Sewer Accounts Receivable

Committed for Collection		19,000.00
Collected	19,000.00	
Outstanding 6/30/94	0.00	
	19,000.00	19,000.00

Ambulance Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/93		31,101.77
Committed for Collection		117,906.95
Refunded		2,376.42
Abated	28,488.96	
Collected	96,180.27	
Outstanding 6/30/94	26,715.91	
	151,385.14	151,385.14

Total Collections During July 1, 1993 June 30, 1994

Taxes, Liens, Excises	6,640,114.72
Miscellaneous Accounts	137,456.14
Fees (Warrants & Demands)	23,388.00
Interest on all Taxes, Liens, Excises	132,132.94
	6,933,091.80
Quarterly Reconciliations & Turnovers	6,795,635.66
Miscellaneous Accounts	137,456.14
	6,933,091.80*

*This report does not reflect fourth quarter collections which were not billed out until three months into Fiscal Year 1995.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town and Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

STATISTICS

1993 Vital Statistics Received After Filing of Last Year's Report

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Springfield	1	5
Northampton	3	2
Worcester	0	1
Holyoke	2	0
	6	8

DEATHS

	Males	Females
	1	2
Residents of Belchertown:	3	
Non-residents:	0	

Place of Death:	No.
Holyoke	2
Northampton	1
	3

1994

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Springfield	32	40
Northampton	23	18
Ware	9	7
Holyoke	7	9
Greenfield	2	2
Chicopee	1	0
	74	76

MARRIAGES

	Males	Females
Resident	46	48
Non-resident	11	9
	57	57

Married in Belchertown: 30 Married Out-of-Town: 27

DEATHS

Males — 39 Females — 47 = 86

Residents of Belchertown	82
Non-residents	4
	86

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	42
Holyoke	11
Palmer	8
Ware	5
East Longmeadow	3
Northampton	3
Springfield	3
Amherst	2
Worcester	1
Wilbraham	2
Monson	1
Ludlow	2
Westfield	1
Hampden	1
Sunderland	1
	86

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$8,212.55	973
Dog Licenses (Gross)	9,493.00	1402
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,570.00	514
B-M-D Certified Abstracts	284.00	71
Marriage Intentions	600.00	60
UCC & Terminations	2,060.00	254
Pole Orders	240.00	12
Sale of Zoning By-Laws & Subdivision Regulations	675.00	29
Planning Board Fees	2,131.60	41
Board of Appeals Fees	2,000.00	20
Fuel & Gas Regulations	25.00	10
Business Registration	1,040.00	104
Raffle Permits	90.00	9
Sale of Street Lists	290.00	15
Voter I.D. Cards	125.00	25
Homestead Filings	250.00	25
Parking Citations/Fines	60.00	4
Historic District Filing	125.00	5
Dog Fines/Fees	889.00	60
Gravel Permit Renewal	100.00	1
Miscellaneous Sales	32.71	16
	$31,292.86	3650

PAYMENTS TO:	
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	8,003.00
Town of Belchertown	23,289.86
	$31,292.86

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

This Board first would like to thank the members of the staff for their continued efforts which have produced the materials needed to bring our records to a "current" status. Without their dedication, we would not be able to submit the following report.

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 57C, which was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 11 and 12, 1992, authorizing a quarterly real estate tax payment system, this board issued the commitment and warrant to the Collector for preliminary quarterly payments due August 1 and November 1, 1994 and the commitment and warrant to the Collector for actual third and fourth quarterly payments due February 1 and May 1, 1995.

Also the personal property software package which was added to our system has been tested, and all records have been entered into the system for Fiscal Year 1995.

On May 10, 1993, the Town adopted the provisions of General Laws Chapter 41, Section 25 regarding the appointment of Assessors. Casimir W. Owczarski was appointed by the Selectmen at the expiration of his elected term. His current term now expires June 30, 1997.

We are pleased to inform you that Assessor William H. Fitzpatrick received his "Certificate of Achievement" from the Department of Revenue for the successful completion of Course 101 (Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures, Valuation) conducted by the Division of Local Services at the University of MA in August 1994. He was also notified that he is certified to classify property pursuant to MGL Chapter 59, Sections 2A and 38.

Our Technical Assistant, Lori Atwell, also attended classes at the University in August and successfully completed Course I - Fundamentals of Real Appraisal.

Congratulations to "Boots", Bill and Lori.

We would be remiss if we did not publicly acknowledge the many hours volunteered replacing old property record cards in our files. Thank you, volunteers!

Although it may be redundant, we reiterate that we are committed to serving the citizens of Belchertown in a fair and equitable manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Casimir W. Owczarski, Chairman
Pauline C. Johnson
William H. Fitzpatrick

Board of Appeals

During 1994, the Zoning Board of Appeals took a more pro-active approach in dealing with applications that came before the board. This not only included more timely hearings and processing of paperwork, but also ensuring that the applicants were requesting the most effective permits for their current and future needs and helping to modify their requests circumstances warranted. As always the ZBA, continues it's close working relationship with the Office of Inspection Services, in ensuring to the citizens of the town that the Zoning by-laws are being fairly and equally applied.

In 1994, the ZBA received 24 applications for consideration of which 21 were acted upon in 1994. 11 were requests for variances, and 10 were requests for special permits, most of which were due to pre-existing non-conforming issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephan B. Wurmbrand, Chairman
Scott Surner, Clerk
Mike Roncolato, Member
Tom Shattuck, Associate Member
Sandra Webb, Associate Member
Paul Vanasse, Associate Member

Planning Board

The Planning Board Office reviewed and processed Approval Not Required plans, Certificates of Completion for subdivisions, Site Plan Approvals, Common Drive Special Permits and modifications to these applications. Recommendations on applications to the Board of Appeals were prepared by the Planning Board. Review and coordination with other departments continues.

General

Staff support, through the Planning Office has been provided to:

— Board of Health Department
— Board of Selectmen
— Conservation Commission
— Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee
— Economic Development Industrial Corporation,
— Executive Secretary Office
— Open Space and Recreation Update Committee
— Zoning Board of Appeals
and other Town Departments, Boards and Commissions.

Residential Subdivision Activity

Preliminary plans and definitive subdivision processes were reviewed during 1994. The Planning Board viewed several subdivisions under construction during 1994.

Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were continually reviewed. The Board monitors the progress of 10 subdivisions.

The Board approved performance guarantee releases and issued Certificates of Completion for the following subdivisions:

— Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision off of State Street
— Malard Estates Subdivision - Phase II off of Kennedy Road
— Pine Ridge Estates Subdivision - Phase I off of Allen Street
— Underwood Subdivision off of Underwood Street

The Planning Board endorsed 35 Approval Not Required (ANR) Plans, and/or revisions to plans.

Regulatory Activity

An Advisory Committee to the Planning Board was established in November 1994 for the purpose of revising the Zoning Bylaws as they pertain to business uses, site plan approvals and to make suggestions for changes in the current bylaws in accordance with all applicable regulations and statues.

The Planning Board submitted updated and revised map changes to the Board of Selectmen to be incorporated onto the Belchertown Zoning Map.

The Planning Board brought changes to the Zoning Bylaws for: Sections 1.1 Definition of Wetland Resource Area; 4.00

Wetland Protection District; 4.26, 4.27 Uses by Special Permit; 6.02 Extension or Addition; 6.020 replaced first word of paragraph (any) with other; and 6.13 Accessory Structures. Also added to 1.1 Definitions was Building Inspector. These proposed changes were accepted at the Town Meeting on May 9, 1994 and also by the Attorney General.

Board Membership

The Planning Board stands as follows:

— James Hodgen, Chair and Single Signature
(Term expires: 1995);
— Michael Beresky, Vice Chair
(Term expires: 1996);
— Elizabeth Chase, Clerk and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representative
(Term expires: 1997);
— Douglas Albertson, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Alternate Representative
(Term expires: 1998);
— J. Arnold Voehringer, Member
(Term expires: 1999);
— Michael Henry, Alternate Voting Member;
— Narda Wakoluk, Associate Member.

Personnel

Susan M. Gay remains with the Planning Board Department as Planning Services Technician.

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Hodgen
Chairman, Planning Board

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The BEDIC held 16 regularly scheduled meetings, met with the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Planning & Operations 6 times, Mass Historical Commission twice, legislators 4 times, Selectmen 5 times, miscellaneous organizations and potential developers 10 times.

The BEDIC continued its focus on reuse of the former Belchertown State School property for a Comprehensive Senior Citizen Community (CSCC). This is consistent with the Town's affirmative vote on December 6, 1993 of the Economic Development Plan which outlines a CSCC as the preferred reuse.

Notable events for the year include the following:

Received resignation from Harry Nelson, Gordon Oakes, and Dee Sutton, and received appointments of Art Fiorelli, J. Rossi, and David Devine by the Board of Selectmen.

Hired historic preservation consultant to negotiate a letter of intent with Mass Historic Commission. Project finalized.

Interviewed and hired advertising firm to develop a marketing brochure.

Established a developer selection process, created a "Developers' Information and Request for Participation" packet, developed a project activity flow chart, identified and solicited potential developers, reviewed responses and entered into negotiations with finalists.

Participated in discussions with DCPO relative to hazardous waste cleanup of site. Hazardous waste site assessment has commenced.

Participated in discussions and drafts of legislation authorizing the Commonwealth to transfer property to the BEDIC. Established list of conditions for transfer of property by DCPO.

Received independent proposal for hazardous waste site assessment.

Explored project bonding and funding issues with bonding company.

Proposed Goals for 1995:

Complete hazardous waste site assessment and commence remediation.

Legislative approval of property transfer.

Marketing feasibility study completed.

Project sponsor identified.

UMASS collaboration solidified.

Preferred developer commitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen S. Lanphear, Chairman
Robert Brinkman
David Devine
Arthur Fiorelli
Steven McCafferty
Jay Rossi
William G. Whitlock

County Commissioner

For Fiscal Year 1994: July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994

Hampshire County Cooperative Purchasing: saving $2.1 M

The County Cooperative Purchasing Program continues to serve the residents of Hampshire County through formal bidding efforts on behalf of 9 County Departments, 19 Municipalities, 11 School Districts and 53 Human Service Agencies. Now in its 15th year of operation, membership also includes 14 other school districts located throughout the Franklin, Hampden and Berkshire County region. During FY 1994, the Chief Procurement Officer Anne Moran and her staff of two administered cooperative bids for goods and services in the amount of $6.3M with a projected savings of $2.1M.

The Town of Belchertown bought $184,950.00 worth of goods through the County Cooperative, and Belchertown's Schools bought another $135,210.00 worth.

Regional Services Office: established in FY '94

Believing that providing regional services to the municipalities was a primary goal of the County Charter, Commissioners established a Regional Services position and a part-time assistant and hired Geoff Rogers in October 1993. The first major project was to develop a Surplus Property Program to bring surplus from closing military bases back to Hampshire County municipalities. The Regional Services Coordinator worked on improving communication with the municipalities with a bimonthly newsletter to all municipal officials. The Department completed and distributed a wage and salary survey for Hampshire municipalities.

He also wrote three successful grant applications: $2,000 for highway safety equipment for Goshen, $10,000 for emergency planning for the Hampshire Fire Defense Association, and $10,000 for a computer utilization and capital planning grant for all twenty communities.

Hampshire County Human Services: County-wide needs assessment sponsored

The Hampshire County Human Services Department, directed by Jan Wood, promotes integrated social service delivery to Hampshire County residents by taking a leadership role in planning, coordination, and capacity building. The highlight this year was co-sponsoring a major health and human services needs assessment along with the Hampshire Council of Social Agencies, and the Hampshire Community United Way. The report to the community followed months of data gathering, telephone interviews, surveys of human service agencies, and community forums. We also obtained funding for services; we worked to identify and fill gaps in service and promote community leadership for service planning and development. This meant convening, leading or joining 14 task forces, networks, and coalitions. The Commission funded contracts with 38 local social service agencies for a total of $150,008. The funding reached 58,275 people in every Hampshire County city and town. Agencies reported service to 3,274 people in Belchertown.

The department brought in and distributed additional $272,469 in grants from both the state and federal governments which seek to build partnerships to prevent alcohol and drug abuse, build coalitions to make Hampshire County more tobacco free, develop youth leadership to prevent use of tobacco by minors, and make the roads of Belchertown safer for pedestrians and drivers through the Safe Roads program.

Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility: top 1% of nursing home certifications

Accomplishments include a perfect, deficiency free Medicare/Medicaid annual survey in the winter of 1994. The effectiveness of our organization in meeting the medical, nursing, therapeutic and social needs of our residents is determined by a process involving several hundred distinct standards of care. This distinction and recognition is awarded to less than 1% of nursing homes in the Commonwealth. As part of a long range strategy toward becoming subacute in the nature and scope of medical services, we are preparing our licensed nurses to administer intravenous therapy. This will permit timely discharge from acute care hospitals to our facility.

The reputation of the facility continues to be highly regarded within the community. This is due in no small part to the caring and dedication of the staff. The volunteers who augment our staff through musical entertainment at meals, through individual companionship with the residents and by assisting with recreational activities are truly appreciated for their efforts.

Registry of Deeds: on-line with state-of-the-art computer system

In mid-May 1994, the Registry went on-line with a new computer system DEC's ALPHA 800, with all new hardware, software and optical imaging system. All records in the old system were converted and all documents recorded after May 16, 1994, will be scanned into the imaging system. Lawyers, Realtors and assessors' offices will be linked into the Registry's database, via modems, which will allow access to Registry records, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Register Marianne Donohue and her staff are to be commended for the extraordinary amount of work which brought this system on line without a "glitch" or being closed to the public even one day.

Statistics for the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds for the period July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994, show the number of deeds recorded were 5.17% over the previous year. The registry recorded 35,339 documents, a 1.48% increase over last year's figure of 34,822.

The increase in the amount of Deeds Excise turned over to the County is due to the reenactment of the Deeds Excise Legislation at the end of 1992.

Hampshire County Treasurer's Office handles multiple tasks
Retirement System: local management ranks high

The retirement system is regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employees Retirement Administration (PERA), and managed locally by County Treasurer Harry Chadwick and Retirement Administrator Mary Hannum. The Retirement Board and staff pride themselves on personal service to employees and retirees at the local level. Thirty-seven employer units participate in the Hampshire County Retirement System, with total membership on December 31, 1992 of 3,596 people. Fund assets increased over the year $7.3M, from $42,202,386.29 to $49,492,244.40. $2.3M of the increase came from investments in the Bank of Ireland. The overall rate of return to the portfolio was 13.99%, approximately 6% over our actuarial assumption. That return ranked us 21st out of 107 systems statewide.

Treasurer's office processed $22 Million

Expenditures and cash on hand processed by the Hampshire County Treasurer's office during FY '94, totaled $22,270,821 including $7,691,397 in a Public Safety Grant for the Jail and House of Correction, $4,815,519 for the Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility, $2,187,194 in the County General Fund, and a number of smaller accounts such as the Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative and grants administered through the Human Services Department.

Receipts and cash on hand processed by the office totaled $22,270,821 including $617,863 from the Chapter 193 State Deeds Excise Fund, $673,871 in Trial court reimbursements, $7,691,397 from a state Public Safety Grant,$5,138,430 earned income collected at the Long Term Care Facility and $294,298 from Town Assessments. Belchertown paid $23,933.00 as it's assessed share of the County budget. Hampshire County has the lowest County Assessments in the Commonwealth.

Insurance Manager Hired for Group Insurance Trust

The Hampshire County Commissioners are trustees for a cooperative effort to provide Health and Life Insurance to twenty-five public employers in Hampshire county. The Trust serves approximately 2,400 employees and their dependents. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems, and possible solutions and explore new ideas.

In January of 1994, Commissioners hired an insurance specialist which the group helped select; John Lillis. The Insurance manager is an employee benefits specialist and directs underwriting and rate setting activity of the trust including insurance carrier contract development, benefit analysis, performance incentives and quality initiatives. The Trust also provides expertise in claim payment reviews and loss projections. During FY '94 a $756,000 rebate from Blue Cross/Blue Shield was distributed to the member units.

Hampshire County is Landlord to State Trial Court: rent fall short...again

Although the operation of the Trial Courts was removed from the counties and taken over by the Commonwealth, they continue to be located in County Buildings. Hampshire County provides maintenance and security for the buildings, under an agreement in which the state agrees to reimburse the County for 100% of actual costs. Reimbursement typically occurs two years after the costs were incurred and in recent years only about 80% of the recognized costs have been appropriated.

Secure holding cells for prisoners awaiting trial in the Courthouse were built this year. The State Trial Court Administration has praised the construction and other counties have come to get ideas for their own courthouses. Repairs to the Hall of Records and Probate Courts roof and heat, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, begun last year, were also completed this year.

Jail and House of Corrections: award winning

Hampshire County is fortunate to have a Sheriff and staff committed to excellency as evidenced in the inspections and in two awards honoring the Department this year; Reaccreditation from the American Correctional Association and Sheriff Garvey received the highest award given by the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association; the Edward F. Henneberry Award given in memory of the late Sheriff of Middlesex County for unselfish service in the field of corrections. The facility met 100% of the criteria in the ACA inspection, one of only 2% of correctional facilities, nation-wide, to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard R. Kubiak
County Commissioner

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department is a department in transition. We are moving away from providing services in the traditional manner and adopting a community policing philosophy. It is our hope to continually enhance the services we provide and to form a partnership with the community so we may work together to solve problems. As the department grows we plan to work proactively with civic groups, social organizations, neighborhoods and schools to deal with criminal and public safety issues.

Initiatives have begun where Belchertown Police Department officers have worked within neighborhoods along with local residents to address vehicular speeding problems. Another program has begun whereby local police are working with the Council on Aging on public safety issues that effect our elderly population. We have received a grant from the executive office of public safety to assist us with training police officers to be involved with community policing and to initiate new programs throughout the town.

Other grants were received from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau and made available to us through the Hampshire County Human Services Department. Belchertown Saferoads Project is a community based traffic safety program which has as its mission to reduce traffic crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities. The program provides resources, training and hands on assistance to Belchertown for the development of education, enforcement and engineering initiatives toward the prevention of traffic crashes.

Belchertown police and the It Takes a Village to Raise a Child Program each received mini grants to implement passenger safety programs at the Belchertown Fair.

Two new full time officers were added to the Department and entered the Police Academy in July. After Eighteen weeks of rigorous training they joined our ranks in November. Increased staffing to meet increased demands and to enhance our services to the town continues to be a top priority goal.

Police officers were dispatched to three thousand one hundred fifty three incidents in 1994. Three hundred and fifty six persons were taken into custody and charged with a variety of offenses. Fifty eight persons were charged with operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol and twenty nine persons were charged with assault and battery. Both of these crime categories show a decrease from the previous year, a trend we hop that continues.

Belchertown Police Department officers continue to work within the Hampshire County Drug Task Force. Twenty four drug related arrests were made in 1994. In four cases search warrants were obtained and significant amounts of cocaine and marijuana were confiscated. At one location a sizeable "grow room" was found along with six hundred eighty two marijuana plants with a value of approximately $200,000. Additionally several pieces of apparatus used to cultivate marijuana was confiscated. It is noted that fifteen drug arrests were made via routine patrol operations.

Drug awareness resistance education (D.A.R.E.) continued to flourish in 1994. Two grants were received to assist this program during the year and it is our intention to continue to expand this worthwhile venture. This is an excellent example of where policing in the nineties will turn. Officers working with people to educate, inform, and receive feedback will be as essential as responsive patrols.

One hundred ninety four accidents were reported in 1994 which is a decrease of thirty eight vehicular accidents from the previous year. This statistic was surprising when taking into account the extreme winter weather we experienced.

Our most frequent complaint from town residents is speeding vehicles especially during the work commute hours. Former country lanes now having several homes has caused more traffic to move over these roads. The department is constantly addressing this issue while at the same time making an appeal to the public to obey traffic laws. A total of two thousand two hundred fifty nine traffic citations were issued for the year. We pledge to continue with aggressive traffic enforcement and to work with area residents to make our roadways safe.

Specialized training and in service training has continued for department personnel. All officers are annually certified in firearm, PR-24 baton and oleoresin capsicum use. Training in areas of investigative techniques, traffic safety, drug enforcement, photography, O.U.I. enforcement, domestic violence and legal updates was conducted.

Dispatcher training will be attended by the entire department when enhanced 9-1-1 is established. At this point the town has completed everything to accept this life saving system but is patiently waiting to be scheduled for implementation along with several other communities statewide.

Officer David Conkey, ambulance operations manager, and his staff of emergency medical technicians has continued to provide an excellent emergency call service to the town. This service has moved forward during 1994 and thanks to the generosity of the Amherst Rotary and the Belchertown Lions a second ambulance has been added to the service. Currently efforts are being made to purchase defibrillation equipment and to expand the service to address its increased need. The ambulance responded to three hundred seventy six emergency calls during 1994. This is an increase of twenty three calls from 1993.

The Belchertown Police Department could not function without the help of our townspeople, local government and agencies within the criminal justice system who have all supported our mission. Special thanks are in order for District Attorney Betsy Schibel and her staff for the professionalism they provided us in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Also thanks are in order for the Massachusetts State Police, Quabbin Barracks, who always provide us with support whenever called upon. The Belchertown Police Department continues to be among the finest departments in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will continue to strive for constant improvement for the service and protection of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

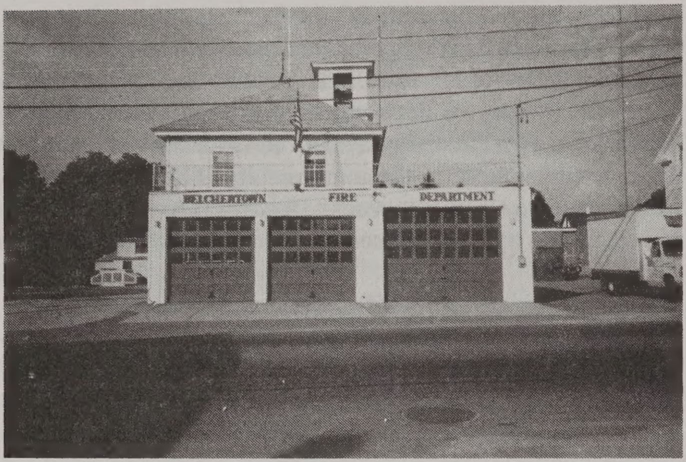
Civil Defense

The Belchertown Civil Defense Committee met eight times this year. We discussed response to hazardous material incidents. We also discussed shelter planning and preparation. We held a Hazardous Waste Training Seminar for key response personnel.

Future planning includes training for shelter managers and radio operator training.

Charles F. Darling
Belchertown Civil Defense Director

Fire Department



The Belchertown Fire Department has been through some changes in 1994. Sam Joyal, the first full-time paid Chief of the Department, retired as Chief on February 28, 1994. A 36-year veteran of the Department, Sam has stayed on volunteering his time as a member.

As of March 1, 1994, the Board of Selectmen appointed myself as Acting Fire Chief for a one-year term. During the next nine months, I will have to thank everyone in the Town offices and other Town Departments for their support and understanding, because it is not a perfect world we live in.

Another year has passed and there is still no State funding for the building or renovation of municipalities. The Fire Department has to expand to meet the evergrowing demands of this community. Our Fire Station does not house all the equipment we have now. We utilize most of the Old Highway Garage. But the building is deteriorating rapidly.

The Fire Station Building Committee received two newly appointed members; Michael Brougham and Robert Brock. The plans for the proposed Headquarters are now 75% complete; where they will stay until available funds are obtained. The remaining 25% will be done at that time, due to possible code changes or other standards that might come. The proposed lot that the structure will be erected on was test bored to make sure the land will withstand the weight of the building. The test results were positive. It is obvious that this comes with a cost, but I sincerely believe that the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department provides a great amount of service for a minimal cost.

The Department awarded the new Rescue Truck Bid to Fire Resources Incorporated of Assonet, MA. There was a delay in obtaining a cab and chassis meeting our specifications, due to the model year change. We waited for a 95 model. The truck will be here soon.

Although fire calls were down this year, the membership spent many hours training and preparing themselves for "the Big One". On August 2, 1994, unfortunately, it happened. I am proud of all the Firefighters giving their best trying to contain that fire. but it overpowered us. A historic block burned away, with people's homes, businesses and dreams. This entire community pulled together, giving support like I have never seen before.

The Department also experienced two fire related deaths to civilians this year. The last death to a civilian in a fire in town was in June of 1978.

We also experienced other losses as well. Our 15-year Chaplin George Bach and his wife uprooted their belongings in September and moved west to New Mexico for a better climate. When George left, he took a little bit of everyone with him. Sue Menard, the part-time secretary of the Department for the last four years, retired in December. No matter how hectic things would get, she always welcomed everyone with a warm smile. George and Sue will be greatly missed at the Fire House.

In August, the members put on an excellent Fire Extinguisher Demonstration on the Common. During the month of October, firefighter Scott Cameron spent his days going through the schools making the children aware of Fire Education. This year he did Kindergarten through grade 4. The most classes ever. He also visited the preschool classes and Day Care Centers with help from fellow Firefighters.

Along with all the training that the volunteers are required to do by law, they still spend many other hours at the Fire House doing basic maintenance on the equipment and the building. This year we received some extra help on the maintenance of our trucks from the D.P.W. Department and the Maintenance Department did some building repairs.

Three Firefighters participated in and completed a three week course on Fire Officer Training provided by the Massachusetts Fire Academy. They are the first in the Department to go through this type of training. Another Firefighter completed a course on Fire Prevention through Greenfield Community College.

I appointed three Firefighters to the Department from our Auxiliary Department. They have been in training for four years.

I am pleased with all the training that all the members participate in. They are a group of devoted people to the Fire Service and the Town.

Edward F. Bock, Acting Fire Chief
David G. Hodgen, Assistant Fire Chief

Deputy Chief
Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgen

Captains
Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants
Richard Knight
Kenneth Thayer

Firefighters
David R. Gay
Erik Gay
Charles R. Beaver
Michael Samson
Gerard H. Gould
John Workman
Herbert Wood
Scott Cameron
Robert D. Hodgen
Paul Greene
Michael Maiers
Max W. Bock
William Shattuck, Jr.
William Chapman
Edward L. Fuller
Roger McGinnis
Edward D. Fuller
Steven J. Williams
Steven T. Hulmes
Edward Knight
Thomas Majorowski
Samuel J. Joyal, retired chief

Auxiliary Firefighters
James Hresko
Paul Tierney
Ray Robinson
Paul Salvatore
Leonard Boisjolie

Types of Responses 1994

Total Responses	178
Structure Fires	8
Chimney Fires	4
Vehicle Fires	8
Vehicle Extrications	3
Forest, Brush, Grass	20
In Service Response	20
Investigations	30
Alarm Sounding	68
Mutual Aid	4
Unpermitted Burning	13

Total Estimated Losses

Buildings	$1,675,500
Vehicles	51,500

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	895
Oil Burners	173
Propane Tanks	52
Smoke Detectors	192
Underground Tank Removal	17
Permits to maintain storage	6
Black Powder Ammo Storage	5
Blasting	4
Tank Truck	11

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Acting Fire Chief
Acting Forest Warden

Department of Inspection Services

Building Permits

Single dwelling units	88
Two dwelling units	2
Convert to multi-dwelling	2
Business/Commercial	1
Industrial	0
Mobile homes	2
Add/alter/repair	261
Sheds/barns/garages	103
Wood/coal stoves/chimneys	50
Public buildings	1
Demolitions	38
Swimming pools	40
Renewals/signs/others	13
Home occupation permits	26
Certificates of Inspection	6
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (new buildings)	101
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (alter, additions, sheds)	142
Total Permits Issued	838
Total Revenue	$60,254

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	433
Total Revenue	$19,145

PLUMBING PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	210
Total Revenue	$10,982

GAS PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	94
Total Revenue	$5,235

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Total Permits Issued	14
Total Revenue	$502

ALL DEPARTMENTS

Total Permits	1,593
Total Revenue	$96,958

1994 was truly a year filled with change, both within, and around the Inspection Services Department.

In personnel, we regret to say goodbye to Mr. Edward Czech, who has served the Town and this department for many years as the Inspector of Wires. We'll miss his cheerful disposition and uplifting attitude around the office, yet - he has assured us, he'll be dropping by to visit now and then. (Hope to see a lot of you Eddie!)

Doug Rae replaces Mr. Czech as Inspector of Wires. Doug has been Ed's assistant for four years. In turn, Mr. Paul Choiniere has been appointed as the new Assistant Inspector of Wires. Paul brings his excellent reputation and experience to our department. Presently, he also serves the Town of Amherst and Hadley as a wiring inspector.

The Assistant Building Inspector, Chris Allison, has enlarged his role somewhat, by having his position and job description rewritten. Chris will be assisting to a greater extent in public building certification and routine inspections, so as to allow me to administrate more effectively during our busy building season. (year round!)

As the concerns of carbon monoxide poisoning seems to increase each year, Ted Bock, Acting Fire Chief; Mr. Owen Clifford the Plumbing and Gas Inspector; and myself, have continued to scrutinize the installation of mechanical equipment in relation to applicable codes and instructions. I'm especially grateful for the diligent effort these men have contributed to ensuring that safety always comes first.

Of course, August 2, stood out as a day of major changes for our entire community I'll not forget the looks of despair, shock, and disbelief as a block of Main Street burned furiously. Most notably, the camaraderie, generosity, and community spirit that has held this town together, was rekindled that day in a way, I hope, stays with us for sometime.

As a fire prevention official, I would hope that this tragedy heightened everyone's awareness of fire safety, and fire-resistant construction techniques. This department will continue to promote and encourage fire safety, so as to better prevent a disaster, such as we saw on August 2, 1994.

As the Enhanced 9-1-1 Database Liaison for Belchertown, I strongly encourage all property owners, residential and commercial alike, to properly post their address number in accordance with the new Town Bylaw 3-7-2. This will improve response time and the overall effectiveness of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system that should be coming to Belchertown in 1995.

Zoning decisions and enforcement have successfully lead to the establishment of a sub-committee to the Planning Board to review the Zoning Bylaw and suggest ways to make it more conducive to the current pro-business climate. I applaud the sub-committee's efforts and look forward to revisions that the Town, as a whole, finds acceptable.

As Chairman of the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee, I'd like to report that we're finally approaching the completion of the transition plan for town owned buildings becoming accessible. Next, we'll begin the task of finding ways to make all town goods and services more accommodating to people with disabilities.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures, I inspected, tested and sealed various scales, 49 fuel pump meters and many other devices to help ensure that consumers get exactly what they pay for - whether it be in pounds, gallons, or otherwise.

I especially appreciated the assistance of the State Division of Standards in the sealing of oil delivery trucks. The Division sent equipment and two of the only three State Inspectors to assist me and provide thorough training as a Sealer. Mr. Harvey Paclat and Mr. Fred Quinlan, showed me that years of experience are very valuable tools in this often forgotten consumer protection service.

All Inspectors were busy once again, this year. As Inspector of Buildings, I logged 892 inspections, covering 5,633 miles. The Wiring Inspectors performed 576 inspections, traveling 5,445 miles. The Plumbing and Gas Inspectors recorded 474 inspections driving 5,904 miles.

We have yet to see a "slow" growth year in Belchertown in recent history. This department issued 88 permits for single-family homes, as well as numerous permits for additions, remodeling, and other forms of home improvement.

We saw some commercial growth as the new Wing Medical Center was completed this fall. Other commercial construction is underway, such as the new restaurant/nightclub at the site of the former "Buck and Doe Lounge" and an "Ace Hardware Center" at the Stadler Street Shops. I'm sure that construction of the new elementary school will keep us busy in 95 and 96, as well.

The faithful service and assistance of Cheryl Bishop and Susan Gay, as the Inspection Services and Planning Technicians, kept the formidable task of paperwork and public service flowing smoothly.

We look forward to 1995!

Respectfully submitted,
David C. Holmes
Director of Inspection Services

Belchertown Public Schools

Under the Educational Reform Act, the community has direct input into the schools. School Councils composed of parents, community citizens, and teachers work for the improvement of the schools with the principals at each level, Elementary, Middle, and High School.

The same reform act gave the community more state funding, however, our growth put still more demands on the system.This September saw the student population go over the two thousand mark and continue upward during the year. The traditional guide of interest on mortgages is no longer the indicator it once was for student growth. At one time, high mortgage rates meant a slow down in new students. Now high mortgage rates mean the student growth is at the middle school and high school level. Low mortgage rates mean the growth is at the elementary level. Regardless, the growth continues.

With outstanding community support, dedicated personnel, and cooperative parents, the School Committee has been able to offer the young people an education that leaves all future career doors very open. For this we are most grateful.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - 1994

The Elementary School Council spent much of 1994 assessing the current status of all aspects of the elementary schools and then developing a comprehensive school improvement plan including short and long term goals. The council met often, worked hard, and definitely fulfilled the intent and promise of the Educational Reform Act. Council members include Jeanne White; Parent Representative and Co-Chairperson, Therese Rakouskas; Parent, Barbara Weiss; Parent, Carol Cleveland; Community Representative, Martha Fredenburgh; Community Representative, Eileen Austin; Staff, Marnie Henneman; Staff, and Gary Millett; Principal.

A new reading system was purchased following a year long study. Harcourt Brace Publishing Company was chosen over three other finalists and the comprehensive program was implemented in September. This new system has been well received by staff, parents, and students.

In March, grade 4 students spent three days at Nature's Classroom in Ivoryton, Connecticut. This learning experience was, again, very successful and a similar trip is scheduled for this year's grade 4 students.

The new elementary school has cleared all the hurdles and is on schedule. Groundbreaking for the new school will occur in January, 1995.Congratulations to all those who have been involved in this successful effort.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - 1994

A New Satellite Dish, computer modem lines, increased computer availability in the library, variation in team structure, and block scheduling for the students and teachers at Chestnut Hill Community School were amongst the more noticeable changes as the students returned to their classrooms in September.

The School Council, encouraged by state reform movement work on core curriculum, spent several months working with parents, students, teachers and research from the state developing our new mission statement and an improvement plan to lead us into the next century. We continue our study and exploration into technologic support, cooperative work skills, community involvement, and expanded use of area resources for our students. Commitment to a safe, nurturing community environment for the students of Chestnut Hill Community School to explore and develop their critical and creative thinking skills is the foundation of this program. The Council continually seeks increased community involvement and suggestions for its work.

Community support for the school through fund-raiser involvement, attendance at school events, involvement in science fair, band programs, standing room only concerts, and the intramural program remains strong. The grade seven junior achievement studies had another very strong year with community representative volunteer instructors. The Bank Boosters sponsored concert assemblies including the college group, "The Zumbyes" and once again had a very successful variety show in the spring.

Once again, we had ten grade six students selected in a John Hopkins talent search as a result of accomplishments on the annual Iowa tests. In addition, we had a record number of students elected to this year's Quabbin Valley Music Education Festival as well as the Western District Band. This year for the first time one of our students, Alexandra Coombs, was the overall winner of the Middle Division Region One Science Fair at the University of Massachusetts.

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 1994

Belchertown High School experienced significant growth throughout the year. The Class of 1994 was, in all likelihood, the last class numbering fewer than 100 students to graduate from the school. The incoming freshman class consisted of 160 students.

The school continued to offer an excellent college preparatory program in addition to strong elective courses ranging from foreign languages to industrial arts. The academic offerings were supported by successful extracurricular and athletic programs.

Of the 98 students who graduated from the high school, 83% went on to further education in either a two year or four year post secondary program. The students were also the recipients of strong community support as is evidenced by the 77 local scholarships that were awarded at the traditional awards ceremony held in the high school gymnasium. Students received significant scholarships to Brandies, Boston College, and the University of Massachusetts.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the district. Without question, the overriding theme of the year's activities was the response to the first full year of education reform. The committee is both pleased with and proud of the efforts made by members of the staff to implement substantial changes in the areas of curriculum and school finance. Although a number of questions remain unanswered, commendable progress has been made.

In the biennial state election held in November, incumbents Michael J. Cavanaugh and Ford Ray were re-elected to another four-year term. Michael Roncolato, who chose to retire from the committee, was succeeded by David Squires. Officers through 1996 will be: Chairman, Michael Cavanaugh; Vice Chairman, Ford Ray; Secretary, Barbara Beaulieu; and Treasurer, Ronald Laviolette. Judith Dudek and Sybil George continued their terms. The student member of the committee for the 1994-95 school year is Benjamin Hall of Wilbraham.

In its second year of existence, the School Council consisted of the following individuals: Assistant Director David LaPierre, Instructors Robert Goodrich and Steven Alger, Parent Members Raymond Scruton, Mary Adkins and David Goraj; Student Member Jay Demore; and community members Celeste Comeau and Carolyn Haley. The Council is charged with the responsibility of developing a school improvement plan for presentation to the Assistant Director, and members will have a significant role in recommending Pathfinder's response to the Time and Learning regulations issued by the Board of Education in December.

CURRICULUM

Changes and improvements in the curriculum continued to occur as a result of the reform legislation. Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Director David LaPierre have identified the following examples of work in progress during 1994:

- Progress has been made to eliminate the "General Track" through expanding the applied biology/chemistry and Principles of Technology offerings. A preliminary plan was submitted to the Department of Education in September with a final version due in February.

- The Curriculum Committee, established under the current collective bargaining agreement, is in the process of reviewing curriculum offerings in light of the Common Core of Learning and the Curriculum Frameworks.

- Several ad hoc groups of faculty and staff have been developing plans to deal with other initiatives such as Time and Learning, Technology Plan, Student Activities, the Exploratory Program, and elimination of the General Track as noted above.

- The Machine/Drafting/Math pilot program implemented last year has moved forward with a combined Related model and the addition of a Tech Math component for the tenth and twelfth grades.

- Increased math/science requirements have been adopted so that students now must take five units consisting of three math and two science or three science and two math, depending on their major area of study.

- In cooperation with Palmer High School, Spanish is being offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students. The course is taught by a teacher from Palmer High School, and it is the first foreign language course to be offered in the school's history.

- Several departments have been moving forward with state and federally encouraged integration of academic and vocational studies, the most visible being the project organized around herbs. This cooperative effort included culinary arts, ornamental horticulture, English and social studies and culminated in a creative day-long exhibit and demonstration by the students who participated.

- Articulation agreements with Springfield Technical and Holyoke Community Colleges have been updated to secure more favorable credit awards in areas of study for which these agreements exist.

A major part of the curriculum continues to involve outside activities and off-campus projects. For example, the sixteenth house constructed by Pathfinder students is currently underway in the Lake Thompson area of Palmer. It features a contemporary design, and in addition to the carpentry students, electrical and -for the first time - heating and air conditioning students will participate.

At the request of the Massachusetts State Police, Pathfinder students are participating in a project to refurbish several of the houses and the surrounding grounds on their training facility in New Braintree. One objective is to convert a structure to a conference facility.

Carpentry and electrical students have been involved in several projects to assist the Ware Public Schools. To date students have built walls, subdivided office space, and constructed a new entry way roof on the Ware Middle School.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's enrollment on October 1st included 601 students. Belchertown accounted for 83, Monson 89, New Braintree 9, Palmer 104 and Ware 108. Out-of-district students enrolled on a tuition basis made up the remaining 200 pupils.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that interest in Pathfinder was strong again this year as his office processed 353 applications. Due to the large number of applications and lengthy waiting lists in Grades 9, 10, and 11, the school was unable to accommodate the large number of post-graduates who had applied for admission.

Mr. Condon further reported the breakdown of applications as follows: 258 for grade 9, 50 for grade 10, and 24 for grade 11. He noted that the continuing trend toward large freshman classes, coupled with the relatively low drop-out rate from the previous year allowed for only a few transfer students for upperclass openings at the beginning of the year. He sees this as a pattern for the foreseeable future and, consequently, as an area which needs further study.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new and returning members in May. The impressive ceremony was well attended by parents and staff members, school committee, and friends of the inductees. The guest speaker for this year's installation was 1986 Pathfinder graduate and successful business woman Donna Longe Cavanaugh.

In March, the faculty selected senior computer programming student Robert Lagimoniere to represent Pathfinder at the annual Outstanding Vocational Technical Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association. The dinner and awards ceremony was held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester at which time Robert and other winners were presented with an impressive plaque and a $100 scholarship.

During the annual Academic Awards Program, Robert received the trophy for the highest academic achievement. Following graduation, he enrolled in the engineering program at the University of Massachusetts.

In June 1994, the graduating class of 95 seniors received diplomas and vocational certificates during an outdoor ceremony. At graduation time, sixty-five percent of the class had secured employment or were planning to pursue post-secondary education. An additional nine percent had made commitments to the military. Scholarship Chairman Mark Condon was proud to present approximately $15,000.00 in scholarships to the graduates, noting that local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and effort of our young people with generous financial contributions toward their future.

The articulation agreements and the Tech-Prep program involving the local community colleges have had a significant impact on post-secondary enrollments which have increased for the fourth straight year. Pathfinder students have begun to show marked interest in gaining admission to four year institutions such as the University of Massachusetts, North Adams State College, Springfield College, Western New England College, and Westfield State College. Mr. Condon also noted that Pathfinder graduates were successful in transferring to such colleges after posting commendable records at the community colleges and had earned scholarships at such institutions as the University of Hartford and Rochester Institute of Technology.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Pathfinder Student Council had an active and successful year. Members presented a proposal for "Adopt a Highway" to the Palmer Selectmen and asked permission to work with roads in close proximity to the school campus. The Board approved, and the activity will commence in March 1995.

Other student-initiated projects which merit coverage included a "Tiny Tim" Christmas Card drive with cards being donated to the Shriner's Hospital. In addition, officers and advisors attended the Western Massachusetts Student Council meeting at Pioneer Valley Regional High School attended by over 200 students. The annual Thanksgiving basket drive provided 20 baskets for needy families in the area-the best response ever. A Pathfinder sweatshirt sale commenced with jackets and tee-shirts to follow.

The Renaissance program expanded through the efforts of an enthusiastic steering committee of 14 members - 12 faculty and 2 students. A dramatic improvement has been noted in perfect attendance (33 students in school year 1994, 4th quarter, to 160 students in school year 1994-95, first quarter). Fifty-one students improved their quality point average. And finally, involvement and support from area businesses grew, thereby allowing for more rewards and incentives. Efforts to secure grant monies for the program were initiated.

The Peer Education group met with area elementary school students on the topic of "Say 'No' to Cigarettes." A Pathfinder student was nominated in the spring for the Governor's Peer Leadership Council and will attend monthly meetings of that group in Boston. The group scored a hit with the local senior citizens by serving over 150 sit-down Thanksgiving dinners in the school cafeteria.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported a strong year in interscholastic athletics, especially noting the following events:

- The school committee voted to implement interscholastic football beginning in the fall of 1995.
- For the first time ever, the school fielded a freshman baseball team which competed against Division I freshman teams and other vocational schools' junior varsity teams. A final season record of 6-9 was more than successful.
- The boy's varsity soccer team compiled their best season ever at 11-5-2. They qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament but fell in the first round to Monson.
- The girls' varsity soccer team competed at the varsity level for the first time, winning four games.
- Golf was approved as an interscholastic sport, thereby making Pathfinder the only vocational school in Western Massachusetts to offer this program at the varsity level. Competition will begin in Spring 1995.
- The girls' varsity softball team qualified for Western Mass. post season play with a 12-6 record.
- The largest number of student-athletes ever went on to college from the Class of 1994.
- Seniors Don Genereaux, Tony Ford, and Shannon Duggan were named Outstanding Athletes at the Athletic Awards Program in June.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to eligible students in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction at Pathfinder (MVIP) Program. Services were provided to approximately 256 students in prototypes 502.1 through 502.4

Approximately 280 TEAM meetings were scheduled throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and re-evaluations. These TEAM meetings were conducted by both the IEP Planner/Liaison and the TEAM Teacher for the MVIP Program. These two positions provide support for the teachers in the special education programs along with teachers in regular classrooms. Parent and student contacts are also maintained by the individuals in these positions.

The school committee has historically supported a strong and dedicated special education staff. Seventeen professional staff members are supported with local monies and an additional outreach counselor with local and grant monies. The department also utilizes 10 teacher aides.

Speech and language services were provided 55 students of varying academic abilities. In addition, the therapist has been working with academic instructors to modify notes and exams for students who have difficulty in the areas of note-taking and comprehension.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of over 80 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home, school, community, and legal problems. The major objective of this service is to help maintain the student within the regular classroom setting and school.

Other services available to Pathfinder students through the Special Education Department include occupational therapy, outreach counseling for pregnant and parenting teens, and smoking cessation assistance.

The Special Education Department continues to provide support for an Alternative Drop-Out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds along with two other sources of funding. The goal of this program is to give students who have difficulty in handling a regular class day in high school an opportunity to receive vocational training at Pathfinder in the late afternoon. Ideally, a student will elect to return to his or her own high school for a diploma or make application to Pathfinder's day program. The vocational shops are chosen depending upon the availability of instructors, student interest, and employment opportunities in that area.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's new format Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

- **P.L. 89-313 Special Education** funds to purchase vocational and instructional supplies for students in the MVIP Program
- **P.L. 94-142 Special Education** funds for all special education students, supporting staff, supplies, afternoon program, and expenses related to the operation of a wheelchair van.
- **Media Enhancement** for updating the newsbank operation in the school library and purchasing books for the library.
- **Mainstream/Integration** funds to provide in-service workshops, substitute teachers, and supplies for increasing inclusion of all special education students into the mainstream.
- **Science/Math Proficiency** monies to fund in-service for teachers in these subjects.
- **Tobacco Cessation** funds to provide a half-time counselor and a small amount for supplies and travel.
- **Vocational Shop Enhancement** monies as an entitlement under the Perkins Act, providing funds to service special populations within the school. Priorities are set by the superintendent and the administration.

Other grant programs included the activities supported by the Department of Youth Services in the summer program and in four shops during the afternoon. In addition, Pathfinder received a contract award for and operated its second successful summer program under the Job Partnership Training Act (JPTA). Thirty students worked in various jobs during the morning and reported to Pathfinder for academic remediation in the afternoon.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to five special programs and activities which took place during the year.

The Palmer/Pathfinder initiative included efforts to enhance cooperation between the two school systems, taking advantage of the proximity of the high schools. Administrators and school committee members met monthly throughout the year to investigate ways in which the respective schools could work together for the overall educational advantage of the students. As a result of that effort, the Spanish course has been instituted at Pathfinder, and plans are underway to offer Principles of Technology to Palmer students. A number of ideas regarding activities at the middle school level have also been advanced.

In conjunction with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pathfinder hosted the annual Trade Show and opened its shops and classrooms to the public at the same time. Pathfinder also investigated working with the Chamber - of which it is a member - in implementing the School to Work Opportunities Act. Clearly, the upcoming year will give a number of incentives for schools and local businesses to work together.

Pathfinder developed and operated its first summer camp for ages 9-14 youngsters. The goal of this program was to introduce the school and its offerings to young people in an informal environment where they could choose among areas to study followed by instruction in certain selected sports activities. The final activity was an hour of free swim at the Palmer High School pool. From all indications, this program exceeded expectations and will likely run on a continual basis each year.

A highly successful professional development program was planned and offered to staff during the month of August. It gave local teachers an opportunity to design their own preferences and in fact took the place of what had been a state-wide conference held annually in June. Twenty-two staff members took advantage of the offerings, and others selected individual topics.

During the summer of 1994, the town of Granby approached Pathfinder officials about the possibility of joining the

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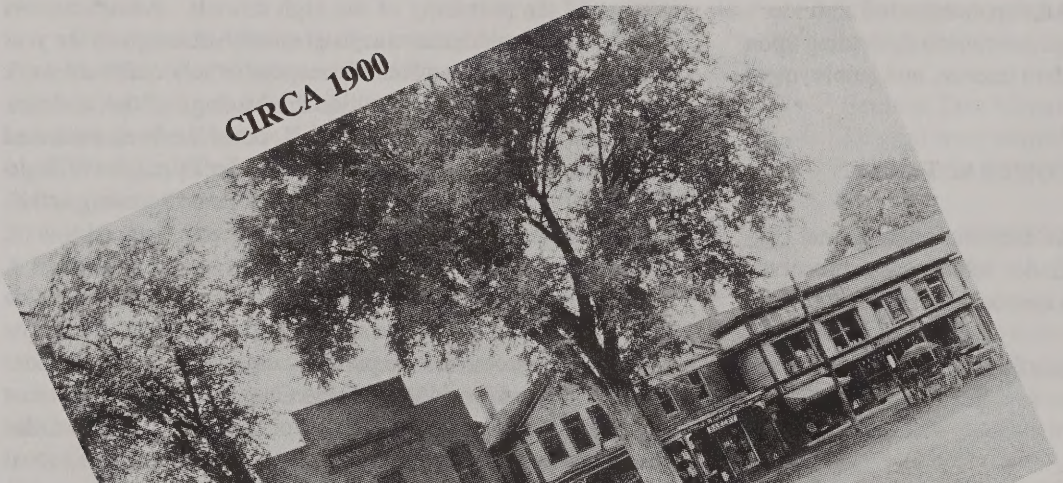

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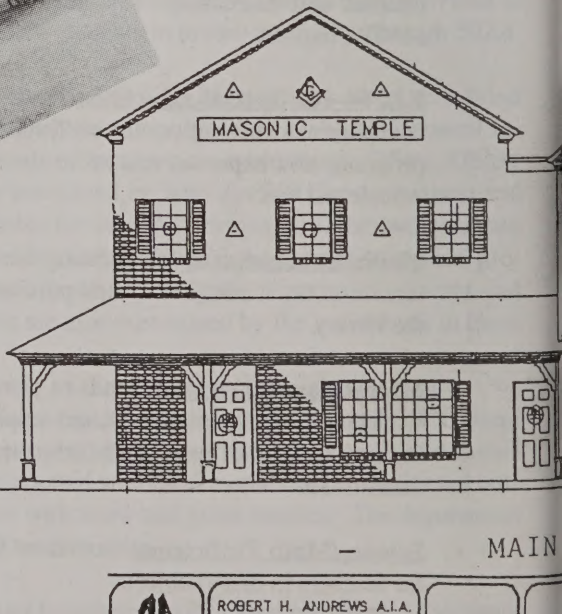
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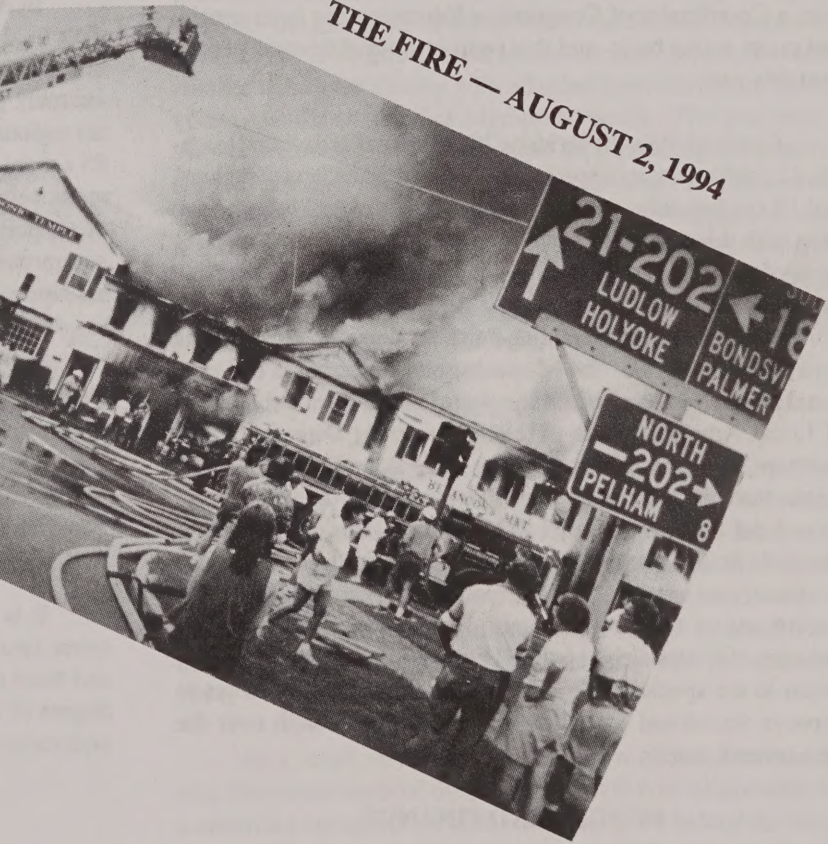
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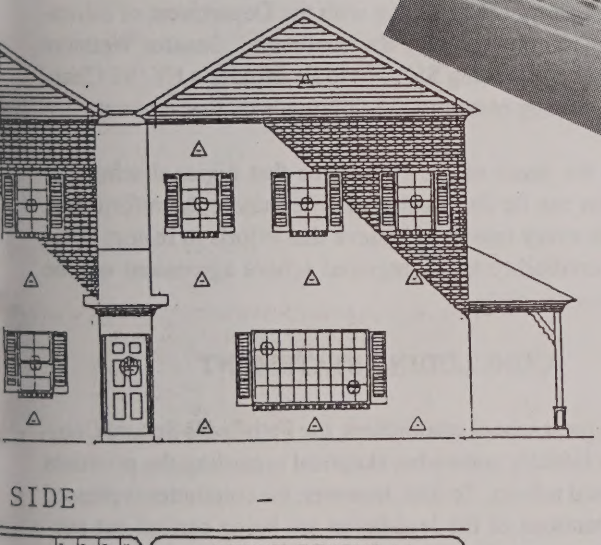
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region as a member town. Historically, Granby has sent a number of students on a tuition bases, and the school committee has made the decision to investigate the merits of regionalization with the existing Pathfinder communities. A subcommittee was established to collect and analyze data regarding the financial implications and to identify the educational advantages both to Granby students and to Pathfinder itself. At year's end, the subcommittee was prepared to go forward with a recommendation to the Granby Town Meeting that regionalization be approved.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The school committee is justifiably proud of the quality and stability of its teaching staff. The school experienced only one retirement in 1994, but that was long-time business teacher and Pathfinder enthusiast, Jeannette T. Lambert. Her years of service and unselfish dedication will be missed.

The committee moved to fill that vacancy as well as badly needed positions in the HVAC program and in science. In addition, a Coordinator of Cooperative Education has been continued on an acting basis, and that position should become permanent this year.

Currently the staff includes 29 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 22 academic teachers, and 12 teacher aides. Five administrators - two of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of the National Council of Local Administrators. He and Assistant Director David LaPierre serve on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. In the fall of 1994, Dr. Paist was elected to a three-year term on the Commission of Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He was also appointed by the Commissioner of Education to the special study commission to recommend ways to improve vocational education in the Commonwealth over the next several years.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Acting for the first time under the provisions of the Education Reform legislation, the school committee adopted a budget of $6,193,436. Of this amount, the sum of $5,236,681 was for foundation purposes. The district received $1,704,902 in Chapter 70 funds, leaving a remainder of $3,531,779 to be raised through assessments to the member communities and tuition revenue.

Preliminary figures released by the Department of Education in January 1994 specified the minimum contribution expected from each municipality as well as the portion of state aid allocated to it. The school committee subsequently approved assessments based upon these data and illustrated by the following chart.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 1994-95

Town	Minimum Contribution	Share of Transportation	Share of Other	Share of Bond Issue	Total
Belchertown	454,687	12,289	19,897	62,301	549,174
Monson	461,226	11,549	18,698	42,078	533,551
New Braintree	92,767	1,925	3,116	5,818	103,626
Palmer	471,014	13,474	21,814	64,979	571,282
Ware	671,405	16,139	26,129	44,202	757,875
Total	2,151,099	55,376	89,655	219,378	2,515,508

In April of 1994, the Department of Education released their final figures, and this update reduced the minimum contribution expected from the town of Ware to $513,879. This anomaly generated a degree of concern between the town and the regional district which remained unresolved through the 1994-95 school year. Each of the other four member towns had already approved the Pathfinder budget based upon a higher level of support than the April figures provided. The town of Ware was most severely impacted by the updated figures and voted an assessment of only $600,349.

Ware and Pathfinder officials appealed to both the Department of Education and area legislators for assistance. To their credit, Senator Robert D. Wetmore and Representative Patrick F. Landers III arranged a dialog with the Department of Education in an attempt to resolve the confusion. Senator Wetmore was successful in adding $57,000 to Pathfinder's FY '95 Chapter 70 aid, thereby reducing the difference by that amount.

It is the sense of the committee that regional school finance issues are far from being clarified under the reform law, and there is every reason to believe that efforts to restore some degree of credibility to the regional school agreement will be undertaken state-wide.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Like most school committees, the Pathfinder School Committee was initially somewhat skeptical regarding the promises of educational reform. To date, however, the committee is pleased that the intentions of the legislation are being carried out successfully by the staff and that the students will be the ultimate winners in the profound changes which are taking place.

The committee has been able to demonstrate commendable progress in the three goals adopted for the past two years:

(1) It has been a period of satisfying and wholesome relations with the staff, particularly in the area of labor relations; (2) the provisions of educational reform have been moving forward satisfactorily; and (3) there is optimism regarding expansion of the district to include additional towns.

The committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform and has every confidence that the administration a;nd staff will work to make certain that Pathfinder serves its member communities by providing the best possible education within available resources. As we move toward the 21st century, all of us recognize the critical role that schools like Pathfinder must play in preparing a highly skilled workforce for a strong and healthy economy.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
(through 11/8/94)
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
David H. Squires, Belchertown
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer
Ford P. Ray, Ware
Benjamin Hall, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is a full service agency. Our primary goal is to provide quality service in a cost effective manner. Slightly over one year in existence, this unified department was created following an intense feasibility study and implementation process. Consisting of the Highway, Solid Waste, Maintenance, Waste Water and Tree Departments, our association to the community is quite complex. In spite of its lack of seniority, I am proud of the many accomplishments this department can associate with 1994. For the obvious reasons, I cannot list them individually however, I would like to provide a brief description of each department and list some major accomplishments.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

This department is staffed by 3 full time employees and supported by dozens of hired contractors. Their responsibilities include maintenance and repairs of all town buildings and property with the exception of those within the School Departments jurisdiction. In addition to routine maintenance issues, the maintenance men work closely with all other Town Departments targeting specific seasonal or conditional needs. This past year, a very concentrated effort was placed on supporting the needs of the Belchertown youth sports association and the Belchertown Recreation Department. Several pieces of new equipment were recently purchased to enhance our turf management program and expand our capabilities in the years to come. As this Town continues to grow at an alarming rate, this Department will strive to satisfy the needs of its residents.

WASTE WATER

This Department is a new member of the community. Presently staffed by 3 full time employees, its creation was brought about by the closure of Belchertown State School. Prior to its closure in December of 1992, Belchertown State School owned and operated the Waste Water Treatment Plant now known as the Belchertown Waste Water Treatment Facility. A formal transfer of this equipment and property was completed in September 1994.

As a result of this action, the Town of Belchertown not only becomes owner of the property, but is now responsible for maintaining compliance with the conditions of a federal discharge permit. This demand will challenge the ability of the staff and a plant desperately in need of renovation. In addition to the activity at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, all of the operational and maintenance needs of the collection system are accomplished by the same employees. Two major projects completed recently were the rehabilitation of 3,400 feet of sewer main on Westview Drive and reconstruction of 9 manholes on North Main, Main and Maple Streets. As environmental regulations and Water protection policies continue to become more stringent, the Town will become increasingly dependent on this department.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL

This Department depends largely on hired services to accomplish its tasks. A new addition to the Department of Public Works, most removal and pruning work is done by contractors who may be assisted by town employees and equipment for cost effectiveness. During 1994 approximately 125 trees were removed due to disease and road enhancement projects. In addition, all of the trees on the Town Common, the Town Beach and most main highways, were pruned of unsafe limbs. At the present time an Ash blight is making its way across the North East. Evidence of this diseases' arrival to Belchertown could be seen in many areas of town in July and August. To date, no cause has been coupled to the blight, however, the end result always appears to be loss of the tree. This blight is of great concern to us due to the heavy infestation of Ash trees in Belchertown.

SOLID WASTE

Although Belchertown does not provide a curbside trash pick up service to its residents, we do operate a state of the art Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Staffed by 2 full time and occasional part time employees, we provide a one stop waste disposal at reasonable rates. At the present time, approximately half of the property owners in Belchertown use our services. For an annual fee of $40.00 a resident may purchase a vehicle pass allowing them access to the facility. In addition to the annual fee, users must purchase trash bags sold by the Town for solid waste disposal. Some price reductions for vehicle passes do apply for senior citizens and second vehicles owned by the same family. Our ability to serve the residents disposal needs is unequaled by any commercial hauler operating in Belchertown.

In addition to household trash, this facility accepts all types of glass, containers, metal and aluminum cans, plastic, paper, cardboard, milk and juice boxes, magazines, waste oil, tires, yard waste, scrap metal, appliances and bulky goods such as furniture and bedding for recycling. (Appliance and tire disposal require additional fees). During 1994 the users of this facility disposed of:

12	Tons of Plastic
240	Tons of Paper
125	Tons of Cardboard
35	Tons of Scrap metal
2,800	Gallons of Waste oil
1,000	Assorted tires

I am proud to say that 98% of those materials were either recycled or incinerated in a waste to energy facility. This is strong evidence that recycling is working for Massachusetts and Belchertown.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department is the core of the Department of Public works. Serving the needs of the second largest town in Massachusetts is no task to be taken lightly. Our total road miles - 185 - are nearly double and in some cases triple that of any contiguous community. Presently staffed by 7 full time employees this department also depends greatly on hired contractors to accomplish a huge work load. 1994 was a true test of the capability of this department. Beginning with an old fashioned winters intensity we responded to storm after storm often working 7 days a week. Our efforts to clear snow and ice from town roadways were affected tremendously by blistering cold temperatures and a nationwide shortage of road salt. When it was finally over, total snowfall stacked up to 88" in this area.

With the arrival of spring and the construction season, this department went on a very aggressive road maintenance program. Locations resurfaced with chip sealing include:

Blue Meadow Road	2,950 feet
Dressel Avenue	1,050 feet
Granby Road	1,500 feet
Aldrich Road	1,950 feet
Summit Street	1,600 feet
Munsell Road	2,400 feet
East Street	5,000 feet

Locations resurfaced with Bituminous Concrete include:

Cold Spring Road	2,650 feet
Allen road	4,400 feet
Rockrimmon Road	750 feet
Greene Avenue	800 feet
North Liberty St.	3,300 feet
Old Enfield rd.	5,800 feet
Bay Road	1,000 feet
Metacomet St.	5,000 feet
George Hannum Rd.	4,000 feet

In addition to those locations, Route 21 was resurfaced from the Ludlow - Belchertown town line North to Route 9 - Ware Road. Total project cost exceeded 1 million dollars and was funded entirely by the Massachusetts Highway Department. Areas that drainage enhancements were done include:

Allen Road
No. Liberty Street
No. Washington Street
Greene Avenue
River Road
Aldrich Street
South Street
Underwood Street
Cold Spring Road
Old Enfield Road
Boardman Road
Barton Avenue

At the conclusion of these paving and drainage projects a total of 190,000 feet of traffic safety lines were painted on town roads.

Other major accomplishments include:

Enhancements to 19 pedestrian safety crosswalks. This project included signage and resurfacing funded entirely by a $3,443.00 pedestrian safety grant from the Governors' Highway Safety Bureau. In July a very successful house-hold hazardous waste collection day was held at this location. A total of 97 Belchertown residents disposed of 875 gallons of hazardous materials ranging from paint solvents to poison. We hope to be able to repeat this event this year. In November this department took the initiative to once and for all provide a dependable source of water to The Belchertown Day School, Housing Authority and Chestnut Hill School. Working in conjunction with the Belchertown Water District, together, we installed 1,000 feet of 12" water line to these locations for a fraction of the engineers best cost estimates.

As Director of this department, I would like to recognize the efforts of a very dedicated work force, the Selectmen, their staff and my fellow employees. Without your overwhelming support our success would be impossible.

Gary Brougham
Director of Public Works

Conservation Commission

In 1994, the Belchertown Conservation Commission held regularly scheduled meetings twice per month. At these meetings, Wetlands Protection Act hearings were conducted: forty Notices of Intent and 62 Requests for Determination were reviewed by the Commission. Among these permit reviews were the Lakes Management Project for chemical application to control nuisance vegetation, several town projects including culvert and fire pond maintenance and a Water District installation, and the new Wing Health Center facility. Additionally, five actions were granted Emergency Certification under the Wetlands Protection Act, including emergency removal of asbestos at Bondsville and roadwork to prevent icy conditions. Nearly two dozen Certificates of compliance were issued.

Twenty-seven cases were brought before the Commission under Enforcement. Of these, the matter of unpermitted activities at Jabish Brook by the Bondsville Water Department required significant attention and remediation. The Commission continued monitoring of several subdivisions with active Wetlands permits, including Pine Ridge, Shefffield Estates, Turkey Hill, Clearwater Ridge and the supermarket shopping center.

The Commission completed the final draft of Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) update, for the years 1995-2000. The OSRP is the result of two years' of meetings of the OSRP Committee, with input and review by Town boards. The Plan sets the open space protection, management and recreation agenda for the Town for the next five years. Included in the OSRP are a complete set of maps showing natural features, currently protected open spaces and lands for protection. Additional assistance was provided by the Kestrel Trust and the Town's committee on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A parcel of agricultural open space on Federal Street was protected through the purchase of a Conservation Restriction on the Walas property. Using a combination of State Aquifer Land Acquisition Program, local land trust and Town funds, this 30 acre parcel is now permanently protected from development and other potential impacts to public water supply in the nearby Lawrence Swamp Aquifer.

The Commission sought and received Town Meeting approval of language clarification in the Zoning Bylaw regarding the wetlands overlay. Conservation Administrator Jane Harris participated in the Town's Customer Service initiative by drafting, in collaboration with the Planning and Health Boards, a Single Family House Permitting Guide.

In addition to the above, the Commission routinely reviewed all Forest Cutting Plans, septic system installation permits, ANR's, gravel permits, site plan review permits, subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests.

The Commission assisted citizens in matters regarding undesirable beaver activity, pursued certification of vernal pools within the Town, participated in Flood Plain Management planning with federal officials, and informed the Town on conservation matters through regular press releases in the Sentinel.

Commission Administrator Jane Harris attended numerous trainings and regular meetings of the Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals. Commissioners attended training in vernal pool certification, soils, wetlands delineation, hydrologic calculation, and other topics.

In November 1994, Commissioner Alice Kuc submitted her resignation from the Conservation Commission after serving for 17 years. She was replaced by Robert Stover, who served as Associate commissioner for three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Ruhf, Chair
David Haines, Vice Chair
Joseph Babineau
Robert Stover
Hubert Greene
Jennie Greene
Robert Rizzo
Hildegard Hall, Associate
Jane Harris, Conservation Administrator

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with full-time professional staff and public health services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 22,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles.

The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1994.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes	175	61	15
Septic Application Review	107	38	6
Septic Final Inspections and Re-inspections	83	17	5
Well Application Review	50	N/A	3
Housing Inspections and Re-inspections (upon complaint)	26	70	11
Rental Voucher Inspections and Re-inspections (upon request)	2	9	0
Condemnations (dwelling units)	1	1	0
Lead Paint Inspections	1	17	4
Hearings	0	1	0
Food Service Inspections and Re-inspections	105	109	2
Nuisance Inspections and Reinspection	6	29	0
Public Pool Inspections	1	0	0
DayCare/Day Camp Inspections	3	3	0
Mobil Home Park Inspections	6	5	1
Dye Test	2	0	0
Water Sample	1	0	0
Court Appearances	0	1	0
Misc. Site Inspections/Meetings	38	11	4
Board Meeting Attendance	22	16	3

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
PERFORMED IN 1994: 1,068

In addition, 8 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 1994. The Board of Directors is composed of the nine elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown Customer Service Committee, Town of Ware Solid Waste Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition, and the Franklin-Hampshire Board of Health Association Executive Committee. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various state agencies and professional groups. Topics addressed during 1994 included the revised Title V, alternative sewage disposal technology, lead paint encapsulation, indoor air quality, tobacco control, food protection, and emergency management.

To enhance customer service, the District upgraded their communication/information systems in 1994. A new telephone system with a toll free number was added. This feature allows residents in outlying portions of our service area to contact our office without additional expense. The office also became computerized with modem and facsimile capabilities.

The District also created a new staff position in 1994. Through grant funding awarded by the Department of Public Health, the District Board of Directors hired Laura Patlove as Tobacco Control Coordinator. The primary job function of this position is to assist each local Board of Health in implementing town-specific regulations which would restrict youth access to tobacco products and limit public exposure to second-hand smoke in public places.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors, and the public, for their advocacy and continued support of the District's personnel and programs. I appreciate the assistance and dedication of Roger Bonsall, Assistant Health Officer and Helen Kutt, District Clerk.

Sincerely,
Judy Moreno, R.S., C.H.O.
Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

One hundred twenty five (125) Belchertown families were provided with Home Health Services during FY 1994. Services included: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Social Worker, Home Health Aides, Personal Care Attendants, Homemakers, Maternal Child Health Care and Hospice Care.

STATISTICAL REPORT

1. HOME VISITS TOTAL 7,624

Nursing Visits	1,389
Physical Therapy Visits	49
Social Worker Visits	19
Home Health Aides (8,110 Hours)	4,230
Homemaker/Personal Care Attendants (3,243 Hours)	1,937

II. HOSPICE

Number of Patients	6
Nursing Visits	135
Home Health Aides (260 Hours)	122
Social Worker Visits	22

III. Follow-up communicable diseases

HOSPICE PROGRAM

Our program served six (6) patients and their families in Belchertown. A total of 279 visits were made to these patients. In addition to Nursing, Social Work, Home Health Aide and Physical Therapy visits these patients and their families received services from Volunteer Care Givers and Bereavement Care.

A Volunteer Care Giver Coordinator oversees the training program and assignment of volunteers. At present we have fifty (50) trained volunteers. This group of caring people provided twenty-five (25) hours of service including supportive listening, companionship, household tasks, shopping,m errands and bereavement support to patients and their families. In addition to the direct services provided to patients and their families, volunteers also assist with office work and with preparations for the Memorial Service. The Hospice Program also has a volunteer Medical Director and Pastoral Counselor. Volunteers are a needed and much appreciated component of the Hospice Program.

The Annual Memorial Service was held at Pulaski Park in Three Rivers on Saturday, June 18, 1994. The outdoor service included music and a reading of the names of those cared for in the Hospice Program. Approximately fifty (50) people attended. It was a peaceful and reflective time. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

Hospice care strives to meet all the needs of the terminally ill patients and their families. Some of the patients seen this past year had terminal illnesses other than cancer, including end-state cardiac and respiratory disease. The staff and volunteers are dedicated to providing relief from pain, symptom control and meeting their emotional and psychological needs. Patients and families can contact the Hospice staff at any time - 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. Bereavement Services are provided to the families of Hospice patients during the year following the patients death.

TITLE III GRANT

Home Health Care Services and Health Promotion programs are funded through a Grant from WestMass ElderCare and matching funds provided by the VNA.

Twenty-three (23) elderly received forty-nine (49) visits by the Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. The GNP services include direct nursing care, health assessments, health education, hospice care and supervision of homehealth aides. Twenty-four (24) hours of home health aide services were provided. Services are provided on a short term basis, when not eligible for home care under any other source of payment.

Four (4) health promotion sessions were held at the Senior Center. At two (2) diabetic Clinics twenty-one (21) elderly were screened for diabetes. At the other one (1) health promotions fifty-one (51) individuals had their blood pressure taken. Referrals and/or follow-up care was provided as needed.

SUSAN M.D. BRIDGMAN FUND

The VNA continues to use the Bridgman Fund as a source of payment for Belchertown residents who are in need of home health care when they do not have any other source of payment. A total of seven (7) patients received one-hundred, twenty-three (123) home health aide visits for a total of two-hundred, eleven (211) hours of direct personal care.

IMMUNIZATION/SCREENING CLINICS

A clinic to administer Mantoux Tests was provided in September to screen volunteers who provided services at a local pre-school.

The VNA nurses also assisted at the annual flu clinic. At this clinic approximately three hundred (300) people received the vaccine. Eleven (11) elderly shut-ins also had the flu vaccine administered by the VNA in their homes.

The Quaboag Valley VNA is able to provide complete care at home to all residents of Belchertown. Anyone needing services or information should call 283-9715 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for our Hospice Program, please contact the Hospice Coordinator at the Agency.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane B. Wordsworth
Executive Director

Veterans' Services

Administrative Expenditures			
Salaries, Supplies, and Services:	4,742.79	4,742.79	
Financial Assistance Expenditures			
Ordinary Benefits	6,317.83		
Fuel Benefits	937.67		
Medical Benefits	3,673.70	10,929.20	15,671.99
Expected Reimbursements			8,196.90
COST OF OPERATIONS			7,475.09

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. This department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs, we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

Respectfully submitted,
A. William Carrier, Director
Veterans' Service Department

Veterans Graves Registration Officer

Flags have been ordered for the marking of Veteran's graves. Graves will be marked 1 to 3 weeks prior to Memorial Day May 29th 1995. This will be done by myself and my assistant Wayne Buchanan and several members of the American Legion Post 239, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8428 and Disabled American Veterans chapter 75, all of Belchertown. This year will again also include some of our Boys Scouts of town to assist with the markings. I will see that the eight cemeteries in Town containing Veterans' graves will be flagged and recorded.

This year we are all set on grave markers.

1995 Estimates

Flags	(approx.) 3 gross	$300.00
Markers		
Footings	(est. 7)	$350.00
		$650.00

Respectfully submitted,
David A. LeCours
Veterans Grave Officer
Town of Belchertown

Cemetery Commission

The following is a report for calendar year 1994:

During the past year we performed twenty-six (26) burials. The following sums of money were returned to the Town:

Sale of Lots:	$1,100.00
Perpetual Care:	$3,300.00
Total:	$4,400.00

Respectfully submitted,
BELCHERTOWN CEMETERY
COMMISSION
Paul C. Cook
David G. Hodgen
Floyd R. Peeso

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in administration. Everett Acres, a forty-eight unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State St., Unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road, Unit 7 built and administered under the state's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a twelve unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is $17,696 for one person, $20,224 for two and up to $28,400 for a family of six.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay thirty per cent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $251 per month. Though we have experienced difficulties in renting second floor units, Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of forty applicants.

East Walnut Hill is also fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

The Authority also has the administration of thirty units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the Authority assists very low income elderly, disabled/handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the Landlord. The Authority closed the Section 8 waiting list on October 31, 1994 as there were more applicants than the Authority could be expected to house within a reasonable amount of time.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal '95 is $182,236 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

During the past year, the Authority has completed the construction of twelve units of family housing and two four bedroom barrier free units for former Belchertown State School residents. The two four bedroom barrier free units were occupied in May of 1994 under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The family units were occupied beginning in August 1994. Tenants in these units pay twenty-five per cent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is $303 per month. When an operating budget has been established, and approved by the state, the Commonwealth will reimburse the Authority for operating expenses in excess of rental income. All family units are now filled with the exception of a four-bedroom unit. There is a waiting list of 148 applicants.

Louise M. Butler, Chairman
Thomas Soja
James Barry
Richard Kane
Antoinette Kubiak

Historic District Commission

The Belchertown Historic District Commission has met with seven property owners within the local historic district during the past year regarding proposed exterior changes to their property. Appropriate certificates were awarded when necessary following public hearings.

The District lost three historic buildings through a disastrous fire last year. The Masonic Building, the former Belchertown Farmers and Mechanics Bank (Elder Hardware) and Hazen's Dept. Store (Besancon's) on the west side of the common leaves a large empty space in Belchertown Center.

The commission tries to keep abreast of property changes within the historic district and meet with property owners to present them with a copy of the bylaws. We appreciate the willingness of property owners to meet with the Commission to discuss proposed changes before applying for a certificate.

The Commission appreciates the cooperation of David Holmes, the Zoning By Law Officer and the Office of the Town Clerk.

Copies of the District By Law and applications forms are available in the office of the Town Clerk. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission and ask questions about your particular situation.

Doris M. Dickinson, Chairman
Jacqueline Dupre
Richard Davitt
Stephen R. Woolf
John B. Curry

Council on Aging

The Belchertown Council on Aging was formed in 1973 at a Special Town Meeting. Since that time the Council on Aging has provided comprehensive services to the senior population consisting of nutrition, transportation, outreach, information and referral, health promotion and social and recreational activities.

The Tittle IIIC Nutrition Program is funded through Westmass Eldercare under the Federal Older Americans Act. Home delivered meals are provided seven days a week and participants have the option to receive a supper meal in addition to the hot noon meal. Elderly residents of Belchertown and Granby who are frail and homebound are eligible to receive this service. Congregate meals are served in the dining room of the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Christmas and New Years are the only two days during the year meals are not served with the exception of weather related closings during the winter months. In addition the Title III Grant, sources of revenue include; participant donations, state home care reimbursements, as well as USDA cash and commodities.

Number of congregate participants	234
Number of congregate meals	13,627
Number of home delivered participants	199
Number of home delivered meals	37,757

The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) funds the elderly and handicapped transportation program for the Town of Belchertown. It is administered by the Council on Aging. Those eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act receive transportation services through the Council on Aging Program. A large percentage of miles traveled are to medical facilities throughout western Massachusetts. Rides are offered daily to the center for meals and activities, as well as weekly shopping trips to area malls and grocery stores. Revenues are generated through Medicaid, contracts with Holyoke Geriatric Authority, State Home Care, Congregate Nutrition Transportation and fares.

Number of participants	247
Number of trips	12,004
Number of miles	102,430

The Council on Aging received a $2,452.00 Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The formula Grant is used to partially fund the social Day Care Program. Social Day Care offers a social setting at the Center for frail elders who would otherwise remain isolated in their homes. Funding for the Social Day Care Program include the Formula Grant, State Home Care and private payment.

Number of day care participants	23
Number of units of service	1,497

Health promotion continues to be a vital service of the Council on Aging. Services include; blood pressure and blood sugar clinics, vision and hearing screening and the annual flu clinic. This service would not be possible without the generous participation of our local health care professionals.

The Council on Aging reaches out to the community at large by participating in the surplus food distribution program and the HCAC fuel assistance program, both of which are available to low income residents regardless of age. The Council on Aging participated in the Toys for Tots campaign again this year, making Christmas possible for many Belchertown children.

Many services for elders are initiated through outreach. Home visits make information available on a broad range of programs and services, including nutrition, transportation, home care, entitlement programs, VNA services and center services.

This annual report would not be complete without applauding the volunteers who are involved at the center on a daily basis. During 1994 volunteers contributed 6,114 hours of service. If a fair dollar value is assigned to the extensive list of jobs performed, it is equal to $42,555.00.

Council on Aging operating budget for FY 1994

Town Appropriation	93,522.00
Title IIIC Nutrition Program	
Title III Grant	47,240.00
State Home Care	13,140.10
Participant Donations	41,944.34
USDA Cash	20,126.20
USDA Commodities	13,135.63
Transportation Program	
PVTA Contract	49,091.89
IIIB Grant	3,026.64
State Home Care	8,185.00
Fares/Contracts	4,520.86
Social Day Care Program	
Formula Grant	2,452.00
State Home Care	12,680.00
Private Payment	2,866.00
Donations	5,171.56
Center Association Fundraising	5,255.98
Total Operating Funds	322,358.20

The Council on Aging is a Town Appointed Board. Members include: Eva Ericksbers, Casimir Owczarski, Carl Takvorian, Madeleine Linde, Michele Ouhl, Shirley Dorey, Louis Fuller, Jeannette Crowther, Joan Hutchinson and Robert Lavoie.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging/Senior Center Directors.

The Council on Aging will make every effort to continue to provide the level of services that elders and families have come to rely upon. We would invite all residents of the community to visit the center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Zulowski, DIRECTOR

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

In 1994, the Belchertown Recreation Department continued to add programs and reorganize existing programs due to increased enrollment.

The Recreation Department's Major Sports Programs have increased in 1994. The following is a list of participants in the active sports programs: Baseball 20 teams (243) players, Instructional Pitching Matching League 8 teams (96) players, Softball 11 teams (141) players, Spring Soccer 16 teams (200) players, Fall Soccer 10 Girls Teams (134) players, Boys Soccer 14 teams (208) players, Instructional Fall Soccer 16 teams (200) players, Boys Basketball 26 teams (249) players, Girls Basketball 9 teams (94) players,Instructional Basketball (8) teams (70) players. All active sports are funded by user fees and sponsors. Belchertown teams participate in Leagues according to skill level.

Additional programs sponsored by the Recreation Department include he following: Aerobic Exercise Classes, Kokondo Self Defense, Baton Twirling, Dance Classes, Line Dancing, Mt. Tom Ski Lessons, Summer Playground Program, Summer Basketball Camp, Summer Soccer Camp, Summer Baseball Camp, Open Basketball League, High School Basketball League, Over 35 Basketball League, Tennis Lessons, Golf Lessons and the Recreation Golf Tournament sponsored by Advance Insurance Agency. A Closet to the Pin Contest sponsored by Bay Path Realty was included in this years golf tournament.

The Recreation Department has offered a variety of programming at the Chestnut Hill School Pool this year. These are concentrated in several areas. The following is a list of programs at the pool sponsored by the Recreation Department: Swim Lessons - offered on going in 4 week increments on Saturdays and 8 week programs in the summer, Toddler and Parent Program, Masters Swim Program, Aquanastics (Water Exercise), Scuba Classes, Prenatal and Postnatal Programs. Diving classes and Lifeguard Training Classes. This year was our 3rd year incorporating programming for Woodlawn Academy, Belchertown Day School's Summer Camp and the Summer Playground Program. We are looking forward to building the pool into a Therapeutic Outlet for Belchertown and neighboring towns. The Recreation Department is looking forward to increased programming in 1995.

The Town Beach operated from June thru August in 1994. Family and individual passes were sold. The Town Beach was open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekdays and from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on weekends.

The Recreation Department would like to thank all coaches for their help in our active programs and all the sponsors whose generous contributions make these programs possible.

The Recreation Department would like to express our appreciation to the Maintenance Department and the School Department for their continued support of the Recreation Department.

In 1995, the Recreation Department would like to update our existing facilities and playing fields. Due to increased use, our playing fields need constant maintenance to ensure a safe area for all residents. The future plans for the Recreation Department include additional playing fields for soccer, baseball and softball.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Constantino
Recreation Director

Beth Romeo
Assistant Director

Recreation Committee
Pat Burton, Chairman
Bruce Smith
Tom Sullivan
Robert Chartier
David Whipple
Gary Bock, Associate Member

Arts Council

The Belchertown Arts Council (BAC) received a "minor" windfall this year in funds. These funds are allocated to each town in the State by The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). This year Belchertown received the amount of $6,385. The BAC carries out the plans of the MCC on the local level, by promoting excellence, access, education, and diversity in the Arts, Humanities and Interpretive Sciences. The local council reviews grant applications and recommends to the MCC those they feel are deserving of funding. This money in no way finances an entire project but is meant only as "seed" money to help the applicant get a start with their project.

Once again the number of requests far exceeded the amount allocated to us. We received a total of 35 applications, a record number for us to date. 31 applications for the local council funds in the amount of $18,924 and 4 PASS (ticket subsidies for performing arts events for students) totaling $1,061.

We have tried to provide the seed money for new projects while still continuing some limited support to on-going groups. We regret that we could not fund all applicants this year.

The following were recipients of local funds, (pending state approval) this year: Belchertown Community Band, Belchertown Historical Association, Nora Austin for Multi-Cultural Day at Chestnut Hill School, Brooks Holmes, free Brass Quintet Concert, Mary Ellen Miller for an Art Exhibition/Chamber Music Concert, New England Puppetry, Nick Waynelovich for a free Swing Concert or Swing Dance for the entire Community, The Volunteer Fair Committee, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Gretchen Holesovsky, local artist, to show paintings at the Library for the benefit of the entire community. Judy Bettencourt for a trip for her students to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. PASS funds: Eileen Austin, Third Grade Field trip to Old Sturbridge Village, Teresa Stacy, Center School, "Dream Alive" Concerts for Young People at U MASS in Amherst, Margaret Money, Franklin School "The Dream Catchers" Concerts for Young People, U Mass Fine Arts Center.

This Spring a community input meeting will be scheduled again so the Council members can better represent the cultural desires of our community. The Council welcomes your thoughts and comments at any time. If there is a cultural event that you would like to see presented in Belchertown, please let us know. If you attended a Cultural Council supported event this year, give us some feedback.

The grant review process is a once-a-year undertaking. The deadline for applications in ALL MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES for the 1995-1996 funding cycle will again be OCTOBER 15. Application forms and information are available from any council member or an application packet is obtainable from the Selectmen's office.

Belchertown Arts Council
Mary Avery - Co-Chair
Paul Marean - Co-Chair
Gloria Fox - Treasurer
Donna Kendall - Secretary
Karen Schiffer
Judy McQuillan
Andrew Wetmore

Clapp Memorial Library

January 1995

ANNUAL REPORT

I. FY94 Budget Figures:

Our FY1994 appropriation was $90,019.00. This figure represents a substantial increase over our FY93 appropriation ($61,059.00); the patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Executive Secretary and members of those Town Boards who have showed us their support. Our good fortune continued enabling us to supplement our budget with $19,498.00 from state grants and local donations. The Friends of the Library contributed $3,200.00 which was used to purchase computer equipment and fund the Summer Reading Program. Over $16,000.00 in State grant funds were used to purchase and install the Library's new computer network.

II. Circulation Totals:

A. Our FY '94 circulation figure was approximately 15% greater than our FY '93 level:

FY '94 circulation total:	78,791
FY '93 circulation total:	66,798
FY '92 circulation total:	53,390
FY '91 circulation total:	43,192
FY '90 circulation total:	30,550
FY '89 circulation total:	24,957

III. Registered Patrons:

We closed FY93 with 4,657 patrons and welcomed 815 new patrons in FY94. We have begun one of our most popular programs in July of 1994—children as young as 5 years old can now register, become a library patron and receive a library card.

IV. Collection Size:

PRINT MATERIALS:

FICTION

General Fiction	2,379
Mystery	500
Westerns	160
SciFi./Fantasy	228
Total Fic.	3,267

NON-FICTION

General Non-Fiction	3,898
Reference	839
Special Collection	530
Total Non-Fiction	5,267

CHILDRENS COLLECTION

Easy Readers	2,204
Juv. Fiction	1,972
YA Fiction	737
Juv. NF	2,737
YA NF	342
Total Child. Col.	7,992

VIDEO RECORDINGS

Easy	229
Juv. Fic.	145
Juv. NF	119
Gen. Fic.	223
Gen. NF	306
Total Video.	1,022

AUDIO RECORDINGS

Fiction	40
Non-Fiction	53
Total Audio.	93

KITS

3	
Total Kits	3

Periodical Subscriptions: 57 General + 8 Juvenile = 65 total

Total Collection (as of November 1, 1994): 17,644

This total reflects a net gain of 1,708 items since the close of FY93.

V. Programs, Activities, Exhibits, etc.:

1. To support and promote the formal education of Belchertown's students is among the Library's primary service roles. Due to the rapid growth of Belchertown's student population this role has become increasingly important. Students in the lower, elementary school grades are now housed in seven separate buildings; only one of these buildings has a school library. In a cooperative effort to satisfy the library needs of these students the Library and the School Department have created the Elementary School Library Visit Program (ESLVP). Each day throughout the school year Belchertown's second and third grade students visit the Library. The Library staff cultivates the love of books and reading while helping these young students in their search for information and entertainment. Our Children's Librarian has also begun a series of library visits for Kindergarten and first grade students exposing them to the treasures of the Library at an earlier age.

2. We begin to educate and entertain our youngest library patrons before they even enter their first classroom. Three storyhour programs—Toddler Time, The Preschool Storyhour and the Bedtime Storyhour—attract more than 60 children each week. Children in the early elementary grades have a program designed just for them—Our Super Saturday Program hosts 15 to 20 young patrons. The Summer Reading Program,

sponsored by the Friends of the Library, has something for all of our younger patrons from preschool through junior high school. Each year this program sees more and more participants. This program celebrates in success with a reading awards party at the CHCS playground each August.

3. Using a combination of grant funds, budget appropriations and donations from the Friends of the Library we were able to purchase and install a computer system. This system, called a Local Area Network (LAN), included an On-Line Public Access Catalog (OPAC). This OPAC has replaced the old card catalog, and has enabled patrons to quickly and thoroughly search our entire collection for the information that they need. In addition, each library department now has an administrative workstation. This has made the entire staff far more efficient, enabling us to spend far more time on our most important task—DIRECT PATRON SERVICE.

4. We hosted a variety of popular exhibits here at the Library in FY94. The annual Kindergarten Art Show is our most successful exhibit. The various exhibits from a variety of Belchertown's elementary school classes were also very popular. So too, we have hosted showings of local artists and their students. We also invited Belchertown's Boy Scouts and Brownies to use our Library for meetings, and have welcomed their displays.

5. The Fall Book Sale and Spring Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Library continued their successful and entertaining tradition. A variety of programs were offered for both the young and adult patron. J.R. Greene, a Quabbin historian from Ware was the featured speaker at the Spring Festival. These functions raised over $3,000.00 for the Friends of the Library which they generously donated to the Library.

V. GOALS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE:

1. **Recreational Reading and Independent Learning:** We will continue to offer our patrons best-sellers from contemporary fiction, and provide the latest in areas such as home improvement, cooking, crafts, personal finance, history, gardening and landscaping, etc. We will expand our Interlibrary Loan Services—if we don't have it we will get it!

2. **Automation:** The Library hopes to offer its patrons access to CD-ROM technology in FY96. A Federal LSCA grant proposal seeking funding for the hardware and software needed to support a pair of CD-ROM workstations has been submitted. All of our patrons—students, adult independent learners, homemakers, gardeners, hobbyist, etc.—will benefit from the reference capabilities of these products.

3. **Childrens Programs and Services:** We hope to offer a wider variety of Childrens Programs in the coming year. Chris Brownell, our Children's Librarian, is a proven winner; she has developed a set of programs for our younger patrons that are cited as models for libraries throughout Western Massachusetts.

4. **Maintenance, Repair and Renovation:** There is an immediate need to replace the roof of the Library. As the community continues to grow, so too will its demands for the library services. The Library's main floor and basement will need substantial remodeling if it is to satisfy these growing demands. Throughout the coming years we will apply for a variety of federal and state grants to help us meet the costs of those projects. We cannot, however, rely entirely upon grants—we will need your support.

5. **Lecture Series:** We hope to invite a number of speakers to discuss topics which appeal to a wide spectrum of our adult patrons (health, personal finance, recreation, home improvement, etc.). Our aim is to host such discussions on a monthly basis.

6. **Patron Service:** This is your Library. The Library staff and Board of Trustees considers Patron Service to be our primary responsibility. If you will make us aware of the kinds of library services that you desire, we will do all that we can to bring such services to you. We appreciate your support; we look forward to serving you.

Customer Service Handbook

The following is a copy of the customer service handbook which has been drafted. We anticipate that this handbook will be printed within the next few months and that it will provide the citizens of Belchertown with an overview of the town's operations and services provided.

THE BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY:

Belchertown has one of the largest land areas of any community in Massachusetts and lies adjacent to the Quabbin Reservoir, one of the largest man-made reservoirs in the country. Although Belchertown is considered a "semi-rural" community with a scenic landscape, it has experienced unprecedented residential development. As a result of this influx, the town's population increased 27 percent to 10,579 in 1990 and is estimated at approximately 12,000 in 1994.

Up until the time of the Civil War, an active carriage trade thrived in town. Summer residents discovered Belchertown in the early 1900's, establishing a few large summer hotels. Today there are few farms left and small businesses are located around the center of town, which is highlighted by an expansive and beautiful Town Common.

Housing today consists primarily of single-family homes, though a considerable number of apartments have been constructed since the 1980's. Seventy-six percent of the housing is owner-occupied, and 68 percent are single-family homes. Most of the newer residents commute to work in nearby urban centers. The Belchertown State School, once the largest employer in Town, closed in 1992 and an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation has been formed to market the site and attract development to the area.

TOWN GOVERNMENT:

Responsibilities of town government are distributed among several elected and appointed officials and boards. The Board of Selectmen has overall responsibility, although, town government is a cooperative effort with several officials and Boards having well-defined areas of responsibility.

Persons running for an elected office must file nomination papers with the Town Clerk. Elected officials appoint townspeople to various boards, committees, and/or positions under their jurisdiction.

An Annual Town Election is held on the third Monday of May. The Town Clerk has a schedule of filing dates and financial reporting forms for town meetings, candidates and elections.

TOWN MEETING:

Belchertown has an Open Town Meeting, regarded as one of the purest expressions of democracy as a collective voice of the townspeople determining their own affairs. This form of town government encourages and requires the active involvement of residents in deciding the course of the Town. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Monday of May to review, discuss, and vote upon the proposed budget for the following year, and to deliberate and vote on other business. During the year, special town meetings may be held to allow residents to decide upon issues not taken up at Annual Town Meeting.

The warrant is the official listing of all articles to be considered at a meeting. It is posted 7 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting and 14 days prior to any Special Town Meeting. Only the articles on the warrant may be discussed and voted upon.

During a town meeting, the Town Moderator (an elected official) presides. If there are any special rules concerning the conduct of the meeting, the Moderator will explain them before the meeting begins. No one may address the meeting without permission of the Moderator and the Moderator guides debate. The Town Clerk records votes taken by hand, voice, or a secret ballot. The order in which articles are discussed may be changed during the meeting by a vote of the meeting. If the Moderator wishes to speak to a particular article, a temporary (substitute) Moderator must be appointed.

The Selectmen are responsible for putting together the Annual Warrant. The warrant must include all articles (such as questions to be put before the voters) requested in writing by ten or more registered voters prior to the closing date of the warrant. For a special town meeting, the lesser of 100 or 10 percent of the registered voters is required for placing an article on the warrant. The Selectmen may not change the wording of any article submitted by citizen petition. A Town Constable posts the warrant in several required locations within the Town.

The Selectmen may call a special town meeting at any time provided they give the required 14-day notice. They are required to convene a special town meeting not later than 45 days after receipt of a request in writing by the lesser of 200 or 20 percent of the registered voters in town. Usually special town meetings are held to deal with business that cannot wait until the next Annual Town Meeting. The Finance Committee is authorized to approve transfers from the reserve fund, often making a Special Town Meeting unnecessary.

THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT:

The Board of Selectmen is required by law to publish an Annual Town Report. The Annual Town Report contains lists of all elected and appointed officials, financial data, reports from Town departments, minutes of previous year's town meetings, election data, etc. The Report is a document to keep and refer to throughout the year, as well as a tool to use in preparing for informed questioning and debate at town meetings.

STABILIZATION FUND:

The Stabilization Fund may be appropriated by either a Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting with a 2/3 vote. The fund may be used for any purpose for which the town is allowed to borrow money, or for any other lawful purpose. In order to create and maintain the fund, the town may appropriate in any year an amount nor greater than 10 percent of the amount raised in real estate and property taxes in the previous year.

CHAPTER 90 MONIES:

The state has a number of highway construction programs which are funded throughout the year, enabled through Chapter 90. Generally, the Town receives a grant of "state aid" money. However, the Town must first raise and spend the full amount of the project, after which the state will reimburse the Town.

FREE CASH:

This account is the surplus revenue over and above uncollected taxes of prior years. It comes from the amounts unspent in the various accounts at the end of the fiscal year. The amount is effective only as of July 1 of any year and only after the amount has been certified by the state. The state controls approval so that a town will not put funds in Free Cash only to come up short in another account later on. Free Cash may be applied against the tax rate by an act of town meeting or for any other lawful purpose.

REVENUE AND TAXES:

Revenue that the Town receives to operate comes from many different sources. Just to name some: state monies that are received through what is called a cherry sheet; state grants, Federal monies that are distributed by the State; enterprise funds (such as sewer and landfill); departments that use fees to fund part of their costs; other departmental fees that go to the general fund; motor vehicle excise; and real estate and personal property taxation. The latter two items account for over half of the monies used to operate the Town.

The total budget that is needed to run the Town is based on what is voted at Town Meeting. The total amount is then reduced by the state funds and local receipts. The remainder which is called "tax levy" comes from real estate and personal property taxation.

Since the passage of Proposition 2 1/2, towns and cities can only raise through taxation, a certain amount of money based on prescribed formulas. The first is the absolute cap, which cannot be exceeded, and is 2 1/2 percent of the town's total taxable assessed value. The second is based on the amount the town spent in the first year Proposition 2 1/2 took effect and is adjusted upward yearly by 2 1/2 percent of that figure plus the tax value of new construction (deck, pools, house additions, new homes, etc.). The only other way to raise that limit is by an override vote by the voters at the ballot box. An "exemption" for specific projects may also be voted.

Those figures are prepared by the Board of Assessors' Office in a packet called a "Tax Rate Recapitulation" sheet which is sent to the Department of Revenue for approval of the tax rate. The tax rate is a simple calculation. After other revenues are applied to the total town budget, the remainder is the tax levy and is then divided by the total taxable value of the Town.

Once the tax rate is approved by the Department of Revenue, the Board of Assessors' Office forwards to the Collector the valuation listing which includes the list of all property owners, addresses and valuations to which the tax rate is applied, accompanied by the warrant which authorizes the Collector of Taxes to produce and mail the tax bills.

The law requires that all properties be assessed at their "full and fair cash value". This means that the valuation should be about the same as the price you could expect to receive if you sold your property.

Taxes are due four times annually. Your total bill is divided into four separate payments with the first payment due on August 1st, the second on November 1st, the third on February 1st, and the fourth on May 1st. Due to late State approvals of rates, tax bills are not always sent out on time, but an estimated bill will be sent.

If you have not paid your taxes by the due date, you should be prepared to receive a demand notice from the Tax Collector.

These will be sent 30-60 days after the first mailing or statutory due date, whichever is appropriate. The demand notice will repeat the tax due from the prior billing and include interest from the due date. In addition, there will be a $5.00 fee for issuing the demand.

Auto excise taxes are processed through the Registry of Motor Vehicles and are sent by the Town throughout the year. Your first billing should be received about four months after the registration of your vehicle. Payment is due 30 days from the mailing date.

ANNUAL CENSUS:

The census must be mailed out to every resident according to State law. The information obtained is used in projecting State aid, school and safety needs, ambulance calls, certification for in-state college tuition, and voting status. The census is also used for the jury list formulation.

It is important that all residents respond to the census. Failure to return the form will result in removal from the registered voters list.

ELECTED OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

The Town has many elected officers, boards, and committees, some of the people from whom you may need assistance are listed below. Please refer to the Town Report for a complete list.

MODERATOR:

One year Term: The Moderator conducts special and annual town meetings according to prescribed rules of order. Belchertown uses Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised as its parliamentary authority. The Moderator determines the voice vote as it appears, or calls for a show of hands if necessary. The Moderator also decides if a sufficient quorum is present to conduct the meeting. The quorum in Belchertown is 75. The Moderator appoints Finance Committee and Personnel Board members.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Three Year (Overlapping) Terms; Five Members; Meetings Weekly On Mondays At 7:30 pm in Lawrence Memorial Hall (in the event of a holiday falling on a Monday, the Selectmen conduct their meeting at the same time on Tuesday evening of that week): They are the executive branch of the town government and are responsible for policy decisions and carrying out most of the decisions of the town made at town meeting. Their other powers and responsibilities include:

* Approval of all bills and payroll before they are paid by the Town Treasurer. Signing all notes, bond issues, abatements, and weekly town warrants which itemize all town department bills and payroll.

* Overseeing procedures to "override" or "exempt" the Proposition 2 1/2 tax limit and setting the classification rate for taxing different types of property in Belchertown.

* Issuance of business licenses. Granting and issuing licenses and permits which include liquor licenses; common victualler's licenses; tag sale permits; transfer station permits; Class I, II, and III auto licenses; amusement licenses; and entertainment licenses. Refer to the end of this booklet for a complete listing of licenses and how to obtain them.

* Investigation into the conduct of any town department.

* Control of town property (except school property).

* Calling town meetings by the issuance of the town warrant.

* Awarding bids and contracts.

* Appointment of the Executive Secretary and most Department Heads. Oversight of DPW, oversight of construction projects.

* Approval of placement and construction of public utility facilities.

* Acting as License Commissioners, Police Commission, Fire Commission and Highway Commissioners.

Meetings of the Board of Selectmen, as well as any town board, are open to the public. If you have an issue to bring before the Selectmen, you should call the Executive Secretary's Office at 323-0403 a few days before the Monday night meeting to be placed on the agenda.

The Agenda closes at noon on the preceding Friday.

PLANNING BOARD:

Five Year (overlapping) Terms; Five Members; Meeting On The Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month in Lawrence Memorial Hall: The term is the longest held by any town official so that consistency may be brought to Bylaw interpretation and long-range planning projects will gain the force of experience of board members. The Planning Board has several basic functions:

* Studying town planning issues and developing a Master Plan.

* Reviewing and acting on proposals for development.

* Administering the Town's Zoning Bylaw and Subdivision Regulations.

* Assistance with regulating subdivisions.

* Recommending revisions of the Town Zoning Bylaws.

The Board accepts applications for development and construction, and follows legal procedures for setting hearings when necessary. Available in the Planing Board Office located at Lawrence Memorial Hall are Zoning Maps; Zoning Bylaws; Flood Plain Maps; and Subdivision Regulations. There is a charge for some of these documents.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Three Year Elected (overlapping) Term; Three Members; Meeting on the first and third Mondays of the Month in Lawrence Memorial Hall: The Board of Health's responsibilities are determined by state statutes and regulations. The Board is also empowered to establish local regulations necessary to protect the health and well being of the community. The Boards' primary duties relate to the protection of public health, control of disease, preservation of a wholesome and safe food supply, promotion of sanitary living conditions, and the protection of the environment from damage and pollution.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Three Year Elected (overlapping) Term; Five Members; Meet Tuesdays As Posted: The five member committee meets twice per month in public session and on other occasions in subcommittees as needed. The School Committee sets policy for the district, hires the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, negotiates with principals and union groups. The School Committee is responsible for the overall quality of education in the community.

APPOINTED OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

(Appointed by the Selectmen, unless otherwise noted)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

The Executive Secretary assists the Board of Selectmen in the day-to-day operation of town government. This includes annual budget preparation by departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen; personnel administration; purchasing; grant administration; budget control; affirmative action; and any other duties the Selectmen may assign.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

The Town Accountant prepares the weekly payroll and expense warrant and is responsible for keeping records of all expenditures and revenues. Yearly financial reports are forwarded to the Department of Revenue. These are summarized each fiscal year in the Annual Town Report. All expenditures must be approved by the Town Accountant. The Town Accountant is the custodian of all contracts. All departments should consult with the Town Accountant for appropriate use of Town funds.

TOWN CLERK:

The Town Clerk is responsible for conducting elections, official record keeping, and issuing licenses. The Clerk records all official votes and motion at special and annual town meetings. The Clerk is the official Election Officer and acquires from the state all necessary materials for the proper conduct of statewide elections. For local elections, the Clerk provides ballots and other necessary material to voters. The Clerk also serves on the Board of Registrars of Voters.

Maintaining records of personal property mortgages, records of all licenses authorized by the Selectmen, and certificates of landtaking are all responsibilities of the Town Clerk. The Clerk is also an agent of the state, issuing and recording licenses for births, marriages, deaths, dogs, hunting, fishing and trapping. As the official record keeper of the town, the Clerk is required to research and verify the existence of certain records such as births, deaths, and marriages upon request.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

Three Year (overlapping) Term; Three Members; Meetings on Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month:

The Assessors are charged with valuing all real property in town at full and fair cash value. Those values must be certified by the Department of Revenue every three years. In order to accomplish this mandate, the Assessors' Office maintains information such as building dimensions, style, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, construction grade, etc. These records are periodically checked to insure that the data is correct. A similar record is maintained for personal property. Also processed are the motor vehicle excise commitments, once the tapes are received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

All questions on valuations must be directed to the Assessors' Office. If a person believes that their property is incorrectly valued after viewing their property record, he may request an abatement. In most instances, an abatement application must be filed within thirty (30) days from the mailing of the actual Fiscal Year tax bill. Abatements can also be requested on motor vehicle bills up to December 31 of the year following the year they were issued. Assessors administer a number of statutory exemption for qualified elderly, blind, veteran, etc. and special Chapters that reduce the tax liability for forestry, farming and recreational properties.

All requests for forms and inquiries should be addressed to the Assessors' Office.

TREASURER/COLLECTOR:

In Belchertown, the Treasurer and Tax Collector position have been combined into one position. The Tax Collector receives a tax figure from the Assessors. The already computed tax is transferred from the Assessors' warrant to the actual tax bill. The Collector is responsible for maintaining an accurate record of taxes owed the town and for actively pursuing delinquent taxpayer accounts.

The primary responsibility of the Treasurer is to act as a custodian of public funds. The Treasurer receives, invests and takes charge of all town monies, paying out funds according to the approved warrant. No other person may pay bills for any department. The authorizing officers are the Selectmen. The Treasurer is responsible for all loans and bond issues authorized by Town Meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Three-year Terms; Five Members; Meet once a month: The Finance Committee has the responsibility of reviewing and advising the annual town meeting about financial articles included on the warrant. They may advise as to alternatives, cost impacts and overall town policy as it is reflected in the allocation of town funds to particular budget items. The Committee also administers the Town's Reserve Fund which covers one-time or emergency budgetary items. The Town Moderator appoints the members of the Finance Committee.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Three Year (overlapping) Terms: Seven Members; Meet on second and fourth Monday of each month: The Conservation Commission is specifically charged with the protection of the community's natural resources. The Conservation Commission also advises other municipal Boards on conservation issues relating to other Boards' areas of responsibility. The Commission is empowered to administer and enforce the Wetlands Protection Act, as well as the Belchertown Wetland Bylaw and Regulations. The Commission has prepared an Open Space and Recreation Plan outlining Belchertown's natural and recreational resources as well as goals and objectives for protection and promotion of these resources. Thus, the Commission serves the community in regulatory, as well as planning and advisory capacity, to focus municipal concern on environmental issues.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:
Three Year (overlapping) Terms: Three Members; Meet on first and third Tuesday of each month: The ZBA has the responsibility of reviewing zoning decisions made by the Planning Board [if challenged] and determining whether variances and special permits should be granted within the limits established under the law.

VETERANS' AGENT:
Veterans aid programs are available to all veterans of any war period. The Agent assists veterans or their families in processing pension, educational, hospitalization, burial or death benefits.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:
Three Year Terms: Five Members; Meet on the third Thursday of each month: The Recreation Committee oversees the operation of the Recreation Department.

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD:
By Chapter 238 of the Laws of the Commonwealth and subsequent by-laws of the Town of Belchertown, a Mobile Home Rent Control Board was established to regulate rents for all mobile homes and to control eviction by rents from mobile home park accommodations. The Board of five members is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and oversees individual and general rent adjustments, as well as evictions from park accommodations. All such adjustments and/or evictions must be processed through the local Board. Further information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

TOWN OPERATIONS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
The Belchertown Police Department is a full service, 24 hours per day, public safety operation. The department is responsive to citizens needs and has adopted a community policing philosophy of working in partnership with the community.

In addition to traditional police services such as investigative and reactive patrols the department is interested in working with our residents to collectively solve problems via neighborhood planning and strategy meetings.

The department issues all firearm licenses. Applications are available at the Police Department and are considered after a complete records check. Photo processing and fingerprinting is completed by the department by appointment.

The Belchertown Police Department manages the Belchertown Ambulance Service which is staffed by fully trained and certified emergency medical technicians. The Ambulance Service is a call service dispatched by the Belchertown Police Department communications center. The Department is amid preparation for Enhanced 9-1-1 service.

The Department is involved with Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) in local schools. An Officer worked within the elementary and middle school over the past few years and the Department is planning to expand the program to include high school students.

The Police Department encourages citizen participation and recognizes that our residents are the "eyes and ears" of the community. The Department provides a home check for people leaving home for extended periods.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
The Belchertown Fire Department consists of a 30 member force with an additional 8 member auxiliary force. The members that make up the department also are members of the Belchertown Firefighters Association which sponsors fundraisers through their association and purchases equipment for the department. The Fire Department responds to an average of 200 calls per year, and in addition, a call that takes only 20 minutes requires an hour to ready the responding piece for its next call. Each year all members will spend approximately 60 hours on training, 40 hours doing station chores and attending meetings, and another 35 hours working on Association events. All these are in addition to the response runs.

The Department has a part-time secretary with hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. When possible, all appointments and inspections should be scheduled during this time.

The Chief is a full-time salaried position with regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. He does most inspections and permits on a daily basis. Some of these include smoke detectors, oil fired appliances, fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, fuel distribution stations, black powder permits, blasting permits, fuel storage permits and burning permits.

Annually, members participate in fire education programs for students from pre-school up to grade 4. We visit some day care centers if arranged, and give tours of the station for other youth groups.

Any individual interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter can come to the Fire Station and complete an application. It will be placed on file when a vacancy becomes available applicants will be contacted. If no applications are on file, the vacancy will be advertised.

If you have any questions about our department, please feel free to call us at 323-7571. We will be glad to try to accommodate you.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Public Works consists of the following divisions: Highway, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Maintenance, Solid Waste and Trees. The Belchertown Water District is a separate entity.

The Highway Division is staffed by eight full-time employees. In addition to those persons, we rely heavily on a broad range of contract services to provide the service to the community. Belchertown being the second largest town in the state of Massachusetts in area (57.5 square miles) contains approximately 185 miles of roadway. That is nearly double the amount of any of our neighboring communities. The Department is responsible for paving, drainage, signage, guard rails and posts, crosswalks, ice and snow control, and any other function associated with road maintenance.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant division is staffed by three full-time employees. Their responsibilities include operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the entire collection and transfer system. Our systems currently serves the needs of 750 users generating flows up to 500,000 gallons per day. As environmental regulations continue to tighten, this division will continue to be challenged to meet the needs of our community.

The Maintenance division is also three members strong. Due to the nature of their work, the various seasons frequently change their activity. This division is responsible for alterations and maintenance of all town owned buildings and property, excluding the schools, and anything is to be expected. Routine duties include such items as daily maintenance at Lawrence Memorial Hall, the Police and Fire Stations and Highway Garage. In addition to routine activity, the division is deeply involved with Recreation Department. Beginning in the spring of the year, baseball and softball fields, the Town Beach and tennis courts must be made ready, continuing until soccer and football season and the arrival of winter.

The Solid Waste division is two members strong. Responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town owned Transfer Station and Recycling Center, these folks provide a valuable service to the community. The Transfer Station and Recycling Center is a "one stop" operation where town residents with valid Transfer Station permits may find solutions to their waste disposal needs. Items accepted include household trash, all recyclables, yard waste, waste motor oil, tires, appliances and bulky items such as furniture and mattresses. For a complete description of our service and fees, please contact the Public Works Department at 323-0415.

The Tree division is staffed partially with Highway and Maintenance personnel, however this depends on the service needed. Due to Belchertown's size and rural character, trees are plentiful. At the present time, removals account for most of our activity; however, a more comprehensive pruning and planting program is scheduled to begin in the foreseeable future.

It is the goal of all Public Works Departments to provide a high level of service to the Town's residents. We would welcome any comments you might have.

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Hours: The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. We are here to provide public library services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day. Patron Registration: An individual must be at least five years old to obtain a library card. Juvenile patrons, those five years through grade eight, must have their parent or guardian sign their registration card.

Fees: All public library services are free. Patrons are responsible only for the costs associated with some library activities, i.e. making copies, computer printouts, etc. The patron is, however, responsible for overdue fines, and the replacement costs of lost or damaged library materials.

Free Library Services: Providing popular, recreational reading, viewing and listening materials are among our most basic service roles. Our primary focus here is on contemporary fiction -- best sellers and popular authors. Providing materials for those interested in independent learning is a similarly important aspect of the services which we offer. Included here are non-fiction books, videos and audios covering a wide array of subjects from astrology to zoology. We also have an extensive reference collection and a Special Collection that focuses upon local history and genealogy. Interlibrary Loan services are available to satisfy needs that cannot be met by our own collection.

Among our most important roles is that of formal education support. Each day during the school the Clapp Memorial Library welcomes Belchertown's 2nd and 3rd grade students. We serve as their school library. These students develop that habit of coming to the library to satisfy their recreational reading and academic research needs. They continue to utilize our resources throughout their academic career.

The Library begins to cultivate this educational and recreational tie with our young patrons long before they enter their first classroom. Among our most successful and rewarding programs are those that we offer to our youngest patrons. Story telling, crafts and activities and special events are all a part of the many programs specifically designed to meet the library needs of our preschool and early elementary school patrons. Register early!!

For our adult patrons we offer reading groups, membership in the Friends of the Library, and a variety of book sales, informational seminars and entertainment programs.

Library Automation: As our community grows, so too does the library service needs of its residents. Today, and in the years to come, technology will play an increasingly important role in satisfying those needs. We have begun to address those needs with the installation of a Local Area Network (LAN) which includes an Automated Circulation System (CPlus), and On-Line Public Access Catalog (OPAC), and an administrative work station or each of the Library's major departments. The primary purpose of this technology is to make your library visit as fruitful and as pleasant as possible.

The Staff of the Clapp Memorial Library invites you to take advantage of all the resources, programs and services that we make available to you. Accept this invitation, and help us fulfill our primary goal — QUALITY PATRON SERVICE.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

The Council on Aging is a community resource for the elderly and disabled residents of Belchertown and provides the following:

- Congregate meals five days a week in the dining room at the Senior Center and home delivered meals seven days a week to homebound elders.

- Door-to-door transportation Monday through Friday, in-town as well as out-of-town to within a 30-mile radius of Belchertown. Fares range from $.50 to $6.00.

- Other services available: Social Day Care; Newsletter; Activities; Information and Referral; Health Promotion; Assistance with tax preparation, assistance applying for entitlement programs, and help with medical claims; Outreach; and Equipment Loan.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

The Recreation Department is located at 28 Park Street in the Old Town Hall. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Recreation Department offers recreational activities for children and adults. Programs include: youth baseball, softball, soccer and basketball, karate, baton twirling, dance aerobics, co-ed volleyball, line dancing, Teen Center and youth ski lessons at Mt. Tom. Summer programs include: tennis lessons, golf lessons, summer playground, baseball camp, basketball camp and soccer camp.

The Recreation Department schedules swimming lessons, aquanastics, senior exercise, master swim program, pregnancy exercise class, toddler program for adults and children, Stingrays Swim Team, scuba, lap, family and open swim at the pool located at the Chestnut Hill Community School on Route 202.

Registrations and sale of pool passes are conducted at the Recreation Department office.

The Recreation Department supervises and staffs the Town Beach from the third week in June through August. Yearly passes for the beach are sold at the office. Use of the beach is available on a daily basis also, with passes available at the beach.

The Recreation Department is always expanding and welcomes input from the community. If anyone has a skill they would like to share, please call the office at 323-0419.

DOG OFFICER:

This Department consists of a Dog Officer and two Assistants to provide maximum coverage to the Town. This Department should be called first if you find a stray dog or lose your dog.

It is also this Department's job to enforce the Dog-Control Bylaws. These Bylaws are extensive and are available at the Town Clerk's office, or you can call this Department and be advised on how to proceed in the event of a complaint or question.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

The Animal Inspector is appointed by the Board of Health for the health and welfare of livestock. He/she conducts an annual census of livestock, as well as annual barn inspections. In order to control disease, the Inspector monitors vaccination records of all livestock in town.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES:

Information regarding licenses for residents, non-residents, open season dates, and local regulations is available from the Town Clerk. The Clerk has pamphlets listing applicable state wildlife and fishing laws. Please respect the property rights of others while you pursue your sport.

Town Meeting and Elections

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 1994 AT BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 268 (Quorum required-75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to appropriate the sum of $10,926,000.00 for constructing, orginally equipping and furnishing a new elementary school, including costs incidental or related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow not exceeding $10,926,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), of the General Laws, Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided that no money shall be borrowed hereunder until the Town has voted at an election to exempt the amounts required to pay the bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called; and provided, further, that no money shall be borrowed in excess of $35,000.00 to pay for architectural and engineering services to complete plans and specifications for the project until the State Board of Education has approved a State School construction grant of at least 75% of eligible project costs.

(Vote: Yes-221, No-11, Required for 2/3 = 155)

Meeting dissolved at 7:44 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 9, 1994 AT BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
Registered voters present - 185 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from the Selectmen Wage account the sum of $1,000.00 to the Selectmen Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from the Accountant Secretary Wage account the sum of $745.00 to the Accountant Secretary Salary account and the sum of $1,100.00 to the Accountant Secretary Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 3. Voted to appropriate from the Assessors Wage account the sum of $552.00 to the Assessors Salary account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 from the General Insurance account, $5,000.00 from the Unemployment account, and $1,000.00 from the Executive Secretary Salary account for a total of $12,000.00 to the Law account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from the Maintenance Expense account the sum of $572.00 to the Maintenance Salary account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 6. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,164.00 to the Police Department Salary account.

(Voted - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7. Voted to appropriate from the General Insurance account the sum of $17,500.00 to the Police Department Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8. Voted to appropriate from the Interest account the sum of $8,000.00 to the Ambulance Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9. Voted to appropriate from the Fire Department Expense account the sum of $3,552.00 to the Fire Deaprtment Salary account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 10. Voted to appropriate from the Inspection Service Wage account the sum of $552.00 to the Inspection Services Salary account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 from the Veterans' Benefits acount and the sum of $7,508.00 from the Interest account for a total of $17,508.00 to the Schools

#4000 account for the operation of the pumping station at the Belchertown State School.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. Voted to appropriate from the Highway Road Machinery Expense account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Highway Personal Services Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 13. Voted to appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 from the Worker's Compensation account and $43,000.00 from the Health Insurance Town Share account for a total of 58,000.00 to the Snow & Ice Control account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 from the Highways Road Machinery Expense account to the Town Garage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 15. Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 from the Cemetery Commissioners Wage acount to the Cemetery Commissioners Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16. Voted to appropriate from the Council on Aging Wage account the sum of $496.00 to the Council on Aging Salary account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 17. Voted to appropriate from the Clapp Memorial Library Wage account the sum of $1,000.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Salary account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 18. Voted to appropriate from the Parks, Beach, Recreation Expense account the sum of $496.00 to the Parks, Beach, Recreation Salary account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 19. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $34,500.00 as the Town's share of a Department of Envirionmental Management grant for the control of weeds in Lake Metacomet, Lake Arcadia and Holland Pond.

(Voted - Unanimous Yes)

Article 20. Voted to rescind the authority to issue the unissued balance of the bonds or notes authorized under Article 23 and 24 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 1993:

High School Roof Repairs	$11,258.00
Old Town Hall Roof Repairs	1,360.00
School Department Van	3,707.00
Slide-In Sander (Highway Dept.)	6,397.00

and to appropriate by borrowing the sum of $15,039.00 in addition to the $90,000.00 previously appropriated for the purchase of a rescue truck for the Fire Department and for costs incidental and related thereto.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 21. Voted to rescind the action taken in Article 12 of the Special Town Meeting of December 6, 1993, and to authorize the granting of a 30' wide sewer easement on that same parcel of land described as follows, contigent upon placing a lien upon parcels of land or such other methods as the Board of Selectmen may determine to protect the Town's interest in receiving payment of $40,000.00 from the developer.

Beginning at a point, said point being the southerly corner of Parcel 3 as shown on a plan of land entitled "Sewer Easement Plan of Lnad in Belchertown, Massachusetts Prepared for the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts" by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc., dated November 12, 1993; thence

S 71 08' 55"W. Ninety and 00/100 (90.00) feet to a point in a stone wall as shown on said plan, said point being the point of beginning of the above referenced easement; thence

S 71 08' 55"W. Thirty and 22/100 (30.22) feet along a stone wall, as shown on said plan, to a point; thence

N 11 59' 46"W. Two hundred eighty-six and 51/100 (286.51) feet to a point; thence

N 64 44' 19"E. Thirty and 82/100 (30.82) feet along George Hannum Street, as shown on said plan, to a point; thence

S 11 59' 46"E. Two hundred eighty-nine and 98/100 (289.98) feet, to a point, the point of beginning.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:33 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 1994 AT BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Moderator - Joseph R. White
The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. with 185 voters present. (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the playing of the National Anthem.

The following awards were given:

Volunteer of the Year Award - Norman Loftus
Employee of the Year Award - David Barrett
Citizen of the Year Award - Samuel Joyal

Article 1. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners ofthe Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds each for one (1) year, and Kenneth H. Snow as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. Voted to acept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Commitee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Connissioners and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$9.29
Cemetery Commissioners	9.50
Board of Health	6.36

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 4. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway programs for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 5. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or any other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application folowing a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 8. Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to hire their own equipment for the upcoming fiscal year at hourly rates which include the operator not exceedng those amounts previously read by the Moderator.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 9. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Lots account the sum of $1700.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 10. On the motion - to pay one-half of the premium costs payable by the surviving spouse of an employee or retired employee for group general, or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental or other health insurance? (Chapter 32B Section 9D of the M.G.L., as amended).

a majority no vote defeated the article.

Article 11. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an impartial committee to study all aspects of the Town of Belchertown withdrawing from Quabbin Health District.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

At this point in the meeting a motion to reconsider Article 11 was defeated by a unanimous no vote.

Article 12. (a) Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $694,645.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,104,175.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,984,941.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 12. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $549,170.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (f) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $603,594.00 for the Highway Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,783.00 for the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission and the Historical District and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees acount the sum of $2,000.00 to the Conservation Commission for a total of $17,783.00 for the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission and the Historical District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $82,682.00,appropriate from the Landfill Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of $60,000.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $50,000.00 for a total appropriation of $192,682.00 for the Landfill Enterprise accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. Portion rescinded - See Art 1 STM 11/21/94

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $92,318.00, appropriate from the Sewer Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of $70,458.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $125,000.00 for a total appropriation of $287,776.00 for the Sewer Enterprise accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $186,200.00 for Human Services departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $187,635.00 and appropriate from off-set receipts the sum of $74,000.00 for a total appropriation of $261,635.00 for Cultural and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. Portion rescinded - See Art 1 STM 11/21/94

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $179,095.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (m) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $817,856.00 to the Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (n) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $42,000.00 to the Unclassified accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 12. (o) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $927,894.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 13. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14. Voted to request the Eastern Hampshire Regional Refuse District Board of Supervisors, in acordance with Section 13, to amend the Regional Agreement effecting the separation of the Town of Belchertown from the District.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 15. Voted to approve the folowing Amendment No. 10 to the "Agreement Between the Towns of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, and Ware with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District":

1. Subsection IV (D) of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

Apportionment of Capital Costs

Capital costs shall be apportioned annually in December for the ensuing calendar year on the basis of pupil enrollment as hereinafter defined. For the purpose of this subsection, pupil enrollment shall be defined as the number of pupils residing in a member town and enrolled in kindergarten through twelve, inclusive, or any public, private or parochial school, whereever located. Each member town's share of capital costs for each calendar year shall be determined by computing the ratio which its pupils enrollment on October 1 of the year next preseeding the year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollments from all the member towns on the same date.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 16. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN:

E. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE

Delete:

Veterans' Agent	$4,300.00
Animal Inspector	350.00
Dog Officer	$800.00 plus $10.00 per action
Ass't Dog Officer	400.00 plus $10.00 per action

and replace with:

Veterans' Agent	$5,200.00
Animal Inspector	2,500.00
Dog Officer	$1,200.00 plus $12.00 per action
Ass't Dog Officer	600.00 plus $12.00 per action

and under F. PART-TIME HOURLY SCHEDULE

Delete:

Election Workers	$3.55 - 5.42

and replace with:

Election Workers	$3.55 - 7.35

and under APPENDIX B: WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

delete the compensation matrix in its entirety and replace with:

Pay Level	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
1	$262.04	$272.53	$283.43	$294.77	$306.57
2	283.00	294.32	306.09	318.33	331.06
3	305.63	317.86	330.57	343.80	357.55
4	330.07	343.28	357.01	371.29	386.14
5	356.50	370.76	385.59	401.01	417.05
6	385.01	400.41	416.43	433.09	450.40
7	415.81	432.44	449.75	467.74	486.45
8	449.07	467.03	485.71	505.13	525.34
9	484.99	504.40	524.58	545.56	567.38
10	523.80	544.75	566.54	589.20	612.77
11	565.71	588.33	611.86	636.33	661.72
12	610.96	635.40	660.82	687.25	714.75

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Article 17. Voted to accept the following named ways within the Town of Belchertown:

Lawrence Road, Jeffrey Lane and Jon Drive as shown on an "As Built" known as "UNDERWOOD SUBDIVISION" and provided by Huntley & Associates dated 10-14-93 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 2100, Page 299.

Pendleton Road as shown on an "As Built" known as "PENDLETON ESTATES" and provided by Sherman & Woods Land Surveying and Engineering dated 09-28-93 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 2969, Page 163.

Mecier Drive as shown on an "As Built" known as "BATCHELOR BROOK ESTATES" and provided by Lewis & Cook Surveyors dated 09-14-89 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 168, Page 123.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 18. Voted to rasie and appropriate the sum of $24,900.00 to purchase a parcel of land containing 38,418 +/- square feet and adjacent to Lake Vale Cemetery, as described at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 2157, Page 342, for use as cemetery land.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 19. Voted to amend the Town By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete Section 3-7-2 of the Town By-Law and replace it with the following new Section 3-7-2:

3-7-2 The Building Inspector is authorized and directed to assign, correct and verify address numbers. Every building, including, but not limited to, dwellings, apartment buildings, condominiums, and business establishments shall have affixed thereto a number representing the address of such building. Said numbers shall be 4" (four) inch minimum height, of high contrast and affixed in a location to be readily readable from the private or public way, on which such buildings are located. If the address number cannot be read, as located above, in addition, such number shall be affixed to a sign (less than 1 (one) square foot) at the intersection of the private or public way on which such building is located, (same size, contrast as number affixed to building). 4" (four) inch numbers attached to both sides of a mailbox shall be considered an acceptable alternative to a sign, when said mailbox is located on the same side of the private or public way as the building, except for estate lots as described in Section 7.13 of the Zoning By-Law of Belchertown (as amended). The fine for any violation of this section shall be not more than $50.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 20. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Delete Section 4.26 and 4.27 in their entirety and replace with the following new section 4.26:

Section 4.26 Uses by Special Permit

Non-conforming uses which were lawfully existing, lawfully begun or in receipt of a building or Special Permit prior to the first publication of notice of public hearing for the Aquifier Protection District section of the Zoning By-Law may be continued. Such non-conforming uses may be extended or altered, as specified in M.G.L., Chapter 40A, Section 6, provided that there is an additional finding by the Board of Appeals that such a change does not increase the danger of groundwater pollution from such use.

Proposed extensions or alterations of commercial or industrial activities must include a site plan, as outlined below.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 21. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete Section IV: 4.0 and replace with:

4.0 Wetland Protection District

The Wetland Protection District is an overlay protection district. It applies to all lands within one hundred feet (100') of a Wetland Resource Area as defined under 1) M.G.L. 131, Sec. 40, Wetlands Protection Act: 2) Belchertown Wetlands By-Law; or 3) as shown on an overlay on the Town Zoning Map referred to as in Section 2.2 of this By-Law.

The purpose of this subsection is to:

* protect citizens from flooding, poor drainage, reduced property values, impaired water supplies, and threats to health and safety, in wetlands and along streams and other watercourses: and

* to complement the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, M.G.L., Chapter 131, Section 40.,

and in Section 1.1 Definitions: delete the paragraph entitled Wetlands: and replace with:

Wetland Resources Area: Wetland Resource Area shall mean to include water areas and other land in any of the following categories:

(1) all areas defined as wetland under M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, Wetland Protection Act; (2) allareas defined as wetland under Belchertown Wetland By-Law and regulations (BWR 10.00); or (3) lands within the Wetlands Protection District as described in S. 4.0 of this By-Law.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, two amendments were passed unanimously as follows:

1) Deleted phrase 3 from paragraph 1 & 3, and thereby renumbered phrase 4 as phrase 3.
2) In paragraph 3, phrase 3 - changed the word "or" to "as")

Article 22. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously Amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete in its entirety Section 6.02 Extension or Addition and replace with the following:

6.02 Extension or Addition

Alteration, Extension, or Change. As provided in M.G.L.A. Ch. 40A, Sec. 6, A nonconforming single or two-family dwelling may be altered or extended provided that the Building Inspector determines that doing so does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 23. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

6.020 Replace the first word of the paragraph "Any" with "Other".

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 24. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Delete in its entirety 6.13 and replace with:

6.13 In a mobile home park, detached accessory structures shall be limited to a total of 350 square feet on each mobile home site. Such accessory structure shall not be located on a site any closer than three (3) feet from the side or rear lot line, and no closer to the front lot line than the mobile home structure.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 25. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

1.1 Definitions

Add the following:

Building Inspector: Also to be known as "Inspector of Buildings" per M.G.L. Chapter 143, Section 3.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 26. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D commonly known as the Non-Criminal Disposition Procedure, as shown on file in the Town Clerk's office, or take any other action relative thereto.

it was voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 9:43 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 9, 1994

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Other Available Funds	Borrowing
1-5.	None	—	—	—	—
6.	Assessors-Legal Counsel, Resolving court tax cases	100.00	100.00	—	—
7.	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00	—	—
8.	None	—	—	—	—
9.	From Sale of Lots acct. to Cemetery Lot Dev. acct.	1,700.00	—	1,700.00	—
10-11.	None	—	—	—	—
12.	Itemized Budgets				
	(a) None	—	—	—	—
	(b) General Government (Total)	694,645.00			
	1. Moderator, Salary	—	25.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	0.00	—	—
	2. Selectmen, Salary	—	6,300.00	—	—
	Wages	—	3,000.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	5,709.00	—	—
	3. Executive Secretary, Salary	—	47,206.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	3,555.00	—	—
	4. Town Accountant, Admin. Secretary, Salary	—	39,016.00	—	—
	Wages	—	74,911.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	38,520.00	—	—
	Out of State Travel	—	900.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	2,150.00	—	—
	5. Town Clerk, Salary	—	10,000.00	—	—
	Wages	—	26,196.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	4,083.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	4,470.00	—	—
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary	—	25,360.00	—	—
	Wages	—	74,613.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	34,458.00	—	—
	7. M.I.S./Purchasing Director, Salary	—	26,723.00	—	—
	Wages	—	0.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	950.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	20,000.00	—	—
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Board)	—	3,200.00	—	—
	Assessors Salary	—	28,684.00	—	—
	Wages	—	75,519.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	26,545.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	1,300.00	—	—
	Field Review Update	—	4,500.00	—	—
	9. Law Account, Fees	—	51,600.00	—	—
	10. Finance Committee, Wages	—	0.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	185.00	—	—
	11. Election & Registration, Salary	—	300.00	—	—
	Wages	—	11,000.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	4,825.00	—	—
	12. Planning Board, Salary	—	0.00	—	—
	Wages	—	13,877.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	3,965.00	—	—

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Other Available Funds	Borrowing
13.	Board of Appeals, Wages	—	2,800.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	350.00	—	—
14.	Personnel Board, Expenses	—	0.00	—	—
15.	Economic Development I.C., Expenses	—	15,000.00	—	—
16.	Rail Trail Committee, Expenses	—	2,850.00	—	—
(c)	Protection of Persons & Property (Total)	1,104,175.00			
17.	Police Department, Salary	—	47,863.00	—	—
	Wages	—	630,186.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	103,778.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	24,950.00	—	—
18.	Ambulance Service, Wages	—	42,480.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	7,300.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	1,500.00	—	—
19.	Fire Dept., Salary (Chief)	—	35,360.00	—	—
	Salary (asst. Chief)	—	2,600.00	—	—
	Wages	—	40,771.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	36,144.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	10,500.00	—	—
	Out of State Travel	—	500.00	—	—
20.	Hydrant Service, Expenses	—	20,300.00	—	—
21.	Dog Officer, Salary	—	1,800.00	—	—
	Wages	—	7,240.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	3,640.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	1,300.00	—	—
22.	Inspection Services, Salary	—	28,684.00	—	—
	Wages	—	38,761.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	8,948.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	600.00	—	—
23.	Civil Defense, Wages	—	350.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	420.00	—	—
24.	Insect/Pest Control, Expenses	—	100.00	—	—
25.	Dutch Elm Disease, Wages	—	50.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	50.00	—	—
26.	Tree Warden, Wages	—	4,500.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	3,500.00	—	—
(d)	Town School Department (Total)	8,984,941.00			
27.	Administration	—	219,786.00	—	—
	Instruction	—	5,575,359.00	—	—
	Other School Services	—	855,697.00	—	—
	Operation & Maintenance	—	893,944.00	—	—
	Insurance Programs	—	890,155.00	—	—
	Fixed Assets	—	0.00	—	—
	Programs with Other Schools	—	550,000.00	—	—
(e)	Regional School Department, Pathfinder (Total)	549,170.00			
28.	Operation & Maintenance	—	454,687.00	—	—
	Capital/Bond Issue Share	—	62,301.00	—	—
	Share of Other Programs	—	19,894.00	—	—
	Transportation Share	—	12,288.00	—	—

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Other Available Funds	Borrowing
	(f) Highway Department (Total)	603,594.00			
	29. Highways-Personnel, Salary	—	39,780.00	—	—
	Wages	—	227,959.00	—	—
	Expenses (Uniforms)	—	3,650.00	—	—
	30. Snow Removal, Expenses	—	70,000.00	—	—
	31. Road Machinery, Expenses	—	55,700.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	69,250.00	—	—
	32. Construction Materials, Expenses	—	18,00.00	—	—
	33. Hired Services, Expenses	—	30,500.00	—	—
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses	—	29,000.00	—	—
	35. Streets, Expenses	—	40,000.00	—	—
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses	—	10,500.00	—	—
	37. Town Garage, Expenses	—	9,255.00	—	—
	(g) Sanitation & Environmental (sub-total) for Conservation Commission, Historical Commission & Historical District	17,783.00			
	40. Conservation Commission, Wages	—	13,810.00	2,000.00 (Wetlands fees)	—
	Expenses	—	1,375.00	—	—
	41. Historical Commission, Expenses	—	250.00	—	—
	42. Historical District, Expenses	—	348.00	—	—
	(h) Sanitation & Environmental (Sub-total) for Landfill Enterprise Accts	192,682.00			
	38. Landfill Enterprise, Wages	—	57,327.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	25,355.00	60,000.00 (Landfill Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance)	—
	"	—	—	38,000.00 (Landfill rcts)	—
	Refuse District	—	—	—	—
	Hazardous Waste Day	—	—	12,000.00 (Landfill rcts)	—
	(i) Sanitation & Environmental (Sub-total) for Sewer Enterprise Accts	287,776.00			
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund, Salary	—	—	—	—
	Wages	—	86,452.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	5,866.00	70,458.00 (Sewer enterprise unres. fund)	—
	"	—	—	51,626.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
	Capital Equipment	—	—	15,900.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
	Maturing Debt	—	—	47,522.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
	Maturing Debt Interest	—	—	9,952.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
	(j) Human Services (Total)	186,200.00			
	43. Board of Health, Salary	—	1,725.00	—	—
	Wages	—	8,865.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	12,155.00	—	—
	44. Council on Aging, Salary	—	25,816.00	—	—
	Wages	—	50,639.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	22,920.00	—	—
	45. Veterans Services, Agent Salary	—	5,200.00	—	—
	Agent Expenses	—	600.00	—	—
	Veterans Benefits	—	27,200.00	—	—

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Other Available Funds	Borrowing
	46. Veterans Graves, Expenses	—	620.00	—	—
	47. Cemetery Commissioners, Salary	—	1,650.00	—	—
	Wages	—	12,000.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	16,610.00	—	—
	48. Mobilehome/Rent Control Board, Wages	—	0.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	200.00	—	—
	(k) Culture & Recreation (Total)	261,635.00			
	50. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary	—	28,954.00	—	—
	Wages	—	38,130.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	32,418.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	2,900.00	—	—
	51. Parks, Beach, Recreation, Salary	—	25,816.00	—	—
	Wages	—	31,786.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	8,006.00	—	—
	52. Parks, Beach, Recreation Offset Receipts, Wages & Expenses	—	—	74,000.00 (off-set receipts)	—
	53. Parks & Recreation, Town Beach, Wages & Expenses	—	15,325.00	—	—
	54. Old Town Hall, Expenses	—	4,300.00	—	—
	(1) Buildings & Grounds (Total)	179,095.00			
	55. Maintenance/Groundskeeper, Salary	—	29,980.00	—	—
	Wages	—	57,336.00	—	—
	Expenses	—	54,134.00	—	—
	Capital Equipment	—	7,095.00	—	—
	56. Law.Memorial Hall, Expenses	—	22,450.00	—	—
	57. Town Common, Expenses	—	1,050.00	—	—
	58. Town Clerk, Wages	—	400.00	—	—
	59. Police Station, Expenses	—	6,650.00	—	—
	(m) Pensions & Insurance (Total)	817,856.00			
	60. General Insurance, Expenses	—	158,485.00	—	—
	61. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses	—	4,000.00	—	—
	62. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses	—	34,403.00	—	—
	63. Health Insurance, Expenses	—	260,473.00	—	—
	64. Group Life Insurance, Expenses	—	1,000.00	—	—
	65. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses	—	16,700.00	—	—
	66. Pensions, Expenses	—	342,795.00	—	—
	(n) Unclassified Accounts (Total)	42,000.00			
	67. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses	—	300.00	—	—
	68. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses	—	4,000.00	—	—
	69. Unclassified Account, Expenses	—	37,700.00	—	—
	(o) Interest & Maturing Debt (Total)	927,894.00			
	70. Interest, Expenses	—	288,840.00	—	—
	71. Maturing Debt., Expenses	—	639,054.00	—	—
13-17.	None	—	—	—	—
18.	Purchase land adjacent to Lake Vale Cemetery for use as cemetery land	24,900.00	24,900.00	—	—

Article No.	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Other Available Funds	Borrowing
19-26.	None	—	—	—	—
	Grand Totals	14,906,146.00	14,522,988.00	383,158.00	—

NOTE; Individual totals changed in some categories due to Special Town Meeting vote (Art 1) of 11/21/94

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TOWN ELECTION
MAY 16, 1994

Office	Name		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Moderator	*Joseph R. White		276	222	234	732
1 year		Blanks	79	67	73	219
		Totals	355	289	307	951
Selectmen	*Linda E. Barron		283	218	232	733
3 years	*Andre R. Michaud		236	198	204	638
		Blanks	191	162	178	531
		Totals	710	578	614	1,902
School Committee	*Barbara Schaffer Bacon		241	179	199	619
3 years	*Sharon D. Barnett		214	191	208	613
		Blanks	255	208	207	670
		Totals	710	578	614	1,902
Planning Board	*J. Arnold Voehringer		231	185	212	628
5 years		Blanks	124	104	95	323
		Totals	355	289	307	951
Cemetery Commissioner	*Paul C. Cook		256	223	231	710
3 years		Blanks	99	66	76	241
		Totals	355	289	307	951
Housing Authority	No Candidate		0	0	0	0
5 years						
Board of Health	*Donald L. Minney		230	201	210	641
3 years		Blanks	125	88	97	310
		Totals	355	289	307	951

Question No. 1 Shall the Town of Belchertown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one- half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct, originally equip and furnish a new elementary

Office	Name		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
	school, including costs incidental and related thereto?					
	*Yes		223	143	190	556
	No		125	142	109	376
		Blanks	7	4	8	19
		Totals	355	289	307	951
	Votes cast on May 16, 1994		355	289	307	951
				(15 % voted)		

Registered voters at Belchertown:	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	647	662	488	1,797
Republican	238	319	279	836
Unenrolled	1,189	1,283	1,202	3,674
Misc (Socialist)	1	0	0	1
	2,075	2,264	1,969	6,308

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STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 20, 1994

DEMOCRAT

Name	Office		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Edward M. Kennedy	**Senator in Congress**		56	67	49	172
Lakian (Write-in)	**(Vote for One)**		0	1	0	1
		Blanks	25	28	17	70
		Total	81	96	66	243
George A. Bachrach	**Governor**		34	22	19	75
Michael J. Barrett	**(Vote for One)**		19	23	19	61
Mark Roosevelt			16	38	20	74
Weld (Write-in)			0	1	0	1
		Blanks	12	12	8	32
		Total	81	96	66	243
Marc D. Draisen	**Lieutenant Governor**		27	27	26	80
Robert K. Massie	**(Vote for One)**		28	43	22	93
		Blanks	26	26	18	70
		Total	81	96	66	243
L. Scott Harshbarger	**Attorney General**		63	79	53	195
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	18	17	13	48
		Total	81	96	66	243

Name	Office		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
William Francis Galvin	Secretary of State		27	45	25	97
Augusto F. Grace	(Vote for One)		29	28	23	80
		Blanks	25	23	18	66
		Total	81	96	66	243
Shannon P. O'Brien	Treasurer		62	80	53	195
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	19	16	13	48
		Total	81	96	66	243
A. Joseph DeNucci	Auditor		50	73	52	175
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	31	23	14	68
		Total	81	96	66	243
John W. Olver	Representative in Congress		71	81	49	201
	(First District)	Blanks	10	15	17	42
	(Vote for One)	Total	81	96	66	243
Penelope A. Kathiwala	Councillor		38	39	25	102
Jordan Levy	(Seventh District)		17	18	13	48
Lawrence Trapasso	(Vote for One)		3	7	8	18
		Blanks	23	32	20	75
		Total	81	96	66	243
Robert D. Wetmore	Senator in Gen. Ct.		51	78	51	180
	(Worcester-Frank.-	Blanks	30	18	15	63
	Hampden-Hampshire	Total	81	96	66	243
	Dist.)					
	(Vote for One)					
Patrick Landers, III	Representative in Gen. Ct.		0	71	0	71
	(1st Hampden Dist.)					
	(Vote for One)					
Thomas M. Petrolati	(7th Hampden Dist.)		55	0	46	101
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	26	25	20	71
		Total	81	96	66	243
No Candidate	District Attorney					
	(Northwestern Dist.)	Blanks	81	96	66	243
	(Vote for One)	Total	81	96	66	243
Harry Jekanowski, Jr.	Clerk of Courts		49	66	45	160
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	32	30	21	83
	(Vote for One)	Total	81	96	66	243
Marianne L. Donahue	Register of Deeds		58	70	48	176
	(Hampshire County)	Blanks	23	26	18	67
	(Vote for One)	Total	81	96	66	243

REPUBLICAN

Name	Office		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
John R. Lakian	**Senator in Congress**		13	24	17	54
W. Mitt Romney	**(Vote for One)**		42	49	60	151
		Blanks	1	6	1	8
		Total	56	79	78	213
William F. Weld	**Governor**		52	64	68	184
	(Vote for One)	Blks	4	15	10	29
		Total	56	79	78	213
Argeo Paul Cellucci	**Lieutenant Governor**		47	59	63	169
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	9	20	15	44
		Total	56	79	78	213
Janis M. Berry	**Attorney General**		29	46	51	126
Guy A. Carbone	**(Vote for One)**		15	22	15	52
		Blanks	12	11	12	35
		Total	56	79	78	213
Arthur E. Chase	**Secretary of State**		39	51	49	139
Peter V. Forman	**(Vote for One)**		7	14	16	37
		Blanks	10	14	13	37
		Total	56	79	78	213
Joseph Daniel Malone	**Treasurer**		44	65	63	172
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	12	14	15	41
		Total	56	79	78	213
Forrester A. "Tim" Clark, Jr.	**Auditor**		28	45	45	118
Earle B. Stroll	**(Vote for One)**		9	15	14	38
		Blanks	19	19	19	57
		Total	56	79	78	213
No Candidate	**Representative in**		0	0	0	0
Lamar R. Long (Write-in)	**Congress (1st Dist.)**		13	14	22	49
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	43	65	56	164
		Total	56	79	78	213
Dwight K. Stowell, Jr.	**Councillor (7th Dist.)**		34	57	47	138
	(Vote for One)	Blanks	22	22	31	75
		Total	56	79	78	213
Patricia Q. Latino	**Senator in Gen.Ct.**		37	55	47	139
	(Worc.-Hamden-	Blanks	19	24	31	74
	Hampshire-Franklin	Total	56	79	78	213
	(Dist.) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate	**Representative in**		0	0	0	0
	Gen.Ct. (7th Hampden	Blanks	56	79	78	213
	Dist.) (Vote for One)	Total	56	79	78	213

Name	Office		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Elizabeth D. Scheibel	**District Attorney**		43	65	51	159
	(Northwestern Dist)	Blanks	13	14	27	54
	(Vote for One)	Total	56	79	78	213
No Candidate	**Clerk of Courts**		0	0	0	0
	(Hampshire County)	Blks	56	79	78	213
	(Vote for One)	Total	56	79	78	213
No Candidate	**Register of Deeds**		0	0	0	0
	(Hampshire County)	Blks	56	79	78	213
	(Vote for One)	Total	56	79	78	213

Registered voters in Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	628	654	491	1,773
Republican	234	318	278	830
Unenrolled	1,152	1,264	1,188	3,604
Misc.	1	1	0	2
	2,015	2,237	1,957	6,209

Voted 9/20/94

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	81	96	66	243
Republican	56	79	78	213
	137	175	144	456

7 % voted

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Clerk

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 1994

Polls opened in all Precincts (A,B, & C) at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office/Name			Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
United States Senator						
(Vote for One)						
Edward M. Kennedy	Democrat		754	721	682	2,157
W. Mitt Romney	Republican		524	626	633	1,783
Lauraleigh Dozier	Libertarian		12	21	15	48
William A. Ferguson, Jr.	LaRouche Was Right		2	1	5	8
		Blanks	67	58	39	164
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Governor/Lieutenant Governor						
(Vote for One)						
Weld and Cellucci	Republican		783	887	882	2,552
Roosevelt and Massie	Democrat		433	401	396	1,230
Cook and Crawford	Libertarian		16	20	19	55
Rebello and Giske	LaRouche Was Right		2	1	1	4
		Blanks	125	118	76	319
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160

Office/Name			Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Attorney General						
(Vote for One)						
L. Scott Harshbarger	Democrat		933	924	923	2,780
Janis M. Berry	Republican		318	349	359	1,026
		Blanks	108	154	92	354
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Secretary of State						
(Vote for One)						
Arthur E. Chase	Republican		516	586	614	1,716
William Francis Galvin	Democrat		660	659	569	1,888
Peter C. Everett	Libertarian		38	46	54	138
		Blanks	145	136	137	418
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Treasurer						
(Vote for One)						
Joseph Daniel Malone	Republican		613	692	665	1,970
Shannon Patricia O'Brien	Democrat		602	593	602	1,797
Susan B. Poulin	Libertarian		17	19	25	61
Thomas P. Tierney	Unenrolled		11	19	12	42
		Blanks	116	104	70	290
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Auditor						
(Vote for One)						
A. Joseph DeNucci	Democrat		829	880	825	2,534
Forrester A. "Tim" Clark, Jr.	Republican		313	350	364	1,027
Geoff M. Weil	Libertarian		40	38	38	116
		Blanks	177	159	147	483
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Representative in Congress (First District)						
(Vote for One)						
John W. Olver	Democrat		957	965	981	2,903
Lamar R. Long (Write-in)			10	11	14	35
Geoff Weil (Write-in)			1	0	0	1
		Blanks	391	451	379	1,221
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Councillor (Seventh District)						
(Vote for One)						
Jordan Levy	Democrat		658	686	649	1,993
Dwight K. Stowell, Jr.	Republican		434	479	469	1,382
		Blanks	267	262	256	785
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Senator in General Court						
(Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin District)						
(Vote for One)						
Robert D. Wetmore	Democrat		852	894	858	2,604
Patricia Q. Latino	Republican		327	363	362	1,052
Kevin Bowe	Independent		46	60	57	163
		Blanks	134	110	97	341
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160

Office/Name			Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Representative in General Court						
(Vote for One from each District)						
Patricia Landers, III	Democrat		0	1,082	0	1,082
(First Hampden District)						
Thomas M. Petrolati	Democrat		951	0	1,006	1,957
(7th Hampden District)		Blanks	408	345	368	1,121
		Totals	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
District Attorney (Northwestern District)						
(Vote for One)						
Elizabeth D. Scheibel	Republican		983	1,081	1,033	3,097
		Blanks	376	346	341	1,063
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Clerk of Courts (Hampshire County)						
(Vote for One)						
Harry Jekanowski, Jr.	Democrat		938	1,040	995	2,973
		Blanks	421	387	379	1,187
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Register of Deeds (Hampshire County)						
(Vote for One)						
Marianne L. Donohue	Democrat		947	1,051	1,003	3,001
		Blanks	412	376	371	1,159
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee						
(Vote for One) (4 year)						
David H. Squires			954	1,060	999	3,013
		Blanks	405	367	375	1,147
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee						
(Vote for One) (4 year)						
Michael J. Cavanaugh			722	814	796	2,332
		Blanks	637	613	578	1,828
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Pathfinder Reg. Voc. School Committee						
(Vote for One) (4 year)						
Ford P. Ray			701	720	768	2,189
		Blanks	658	707	606	1,971
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #1 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)		Yes	590	541	567	1,698
Re: regulate spending on ballot question campaigns)		No	686	763	703	2,152
		Blanks	83	123	104	310
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #2 (Referendum on an Existing Law)		Yes	814	747	754	2,315
Re: seat belts)		No	483	586	533	1,602
		Blanks	62	94	87	243
		Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160

Office/Name		Prec.A	Prec.B	Prec.C	Total
Question #3 (Referendum on an Existing Law) (Re: Mass PIRG checkoff)	Yes	527	449	527	1,503
	No	728	810	705	2,243
	Blanks	104	168	142	414
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #4 (Law proposed by initiative petition) (Re: term limits)	Yes	549	662	632	1,843
	No	701	629	621	1,951
	Blanks	109	136	121	366
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #5 (Law proposed by initiative petition) (Re: blue laws)	Yes	728	740	664	2,132
	No	555	594	630	1,779
	Blanks	76	93	80	249
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #6 (Constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition) (Re: graduated income tax)	Yes	537	452	479	1,468
	No	765	885	805	2,455
	Blanks	57	90	90	237
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #7 (Law proposed by initiative petition) (Re: graduated tax rates)	Yes	517	427	456	1,400
	No	766	895	819	2,480
	Blanks	76	105	99	280
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #8 (Law proposed by initiative petition) (Re: gasoline tax)	Yes	958	985	961	2,904
	No	308	328	301	937
	Blanks	93	114	112	319
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160
Question #9 (Law proposed by initiative petition) (Re: rent control)	Yes	530	482	483	1,495
	No	726	799	748	2,273
	Blanks	103	146	143	392
	Total	1,359	1,427	1,374	4,160

Number of ballots cast November 8, 1994:

Precinct A	1359
Precinct B	1427
Precinct C	1374
	4160 (64% voted)

Registered voters as of 10/11/94 for State Election 11/8/94

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	659	668	504	1,831
Republican	256	337	302	895
Unenrolled	1,208	1,285	1,250	3,743
Misc	2	1	1	4
	2,125	2,291	2,057	6,473

Attest: William R. Barnett, Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 21, 1994 AT CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 117 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1 Voted to amend the Fiscal 1995 budget as voted in Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 9, 1994, and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated, as amended, for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to rescind the action taken to appropriate the sum of $74,000.00 from off-set receipts.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from off-set receipts the sum of $46,000.00 to the Parks & Recreation Off-Set Receipts Pool Account

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $28,000.00 to the Parks & Recreation Off-Set Receipts Pool Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Votes to rescind the action taken to appropriate from the Landfill Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of $60,000.00 and rescind the action to appropriate from the Landfill receipts the sum of $50,000.00 and voted to appropriate from the Landfill Enterprise Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of $40,000.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $70,000.00 for the Landfill Enterprise accounts.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Attest: William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

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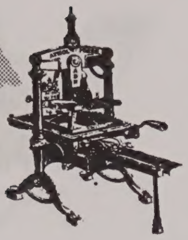

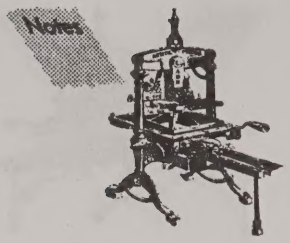
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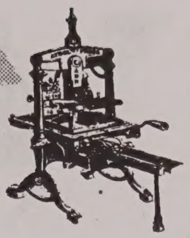

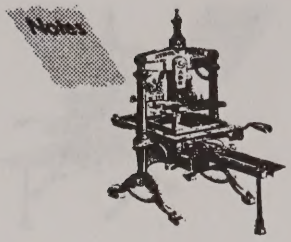
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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE (EMERGENCY)	323-6655
FIRE (EMERGENCY)	253-3433
AMBULANCE	323-6655

Be sure to give your name and address, as well as the nature of your emergency. Do not hang up until you are sure that your message has been understood.

FOR QUESTIONS ON:	CALL:	
Accounting/Payroll	Town Accountant	323-0403
Assessments	Assessor's Office	323-0413
Births, Deaths, Marriages	Town Clerk	323-0400
Building Permits, Zoning	Building Inspector	323-0402
Civil Defense	Civil Defense Office	323-0408
	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
Conservation/Environment	Conservation Commission	323-0405
Dog, Hunting, FishingLicense	Town Clerk	323-0400
Dog Roaming	Dog Officer	323-6880
Elections, Voter Registration	Town Clerk	323-0400
Executive Secretary	Executive Secretary	323-0403
Fire (Business)	Fire Department	323-7571
Gas and Plumbing Permits	Building Inspector	323-0402
Health	Board of Health	323-0406
	Quabbin Health District	967-9616
Highways	DPW Office	323-0415
Housing	Housing Authority	323-4064
Library	Clapp Memorial Library	323-0417
Payment of Taxes	Treasurer/Collector	323-0400
Planning, Subdivisions	Planning Board	323-0407
Police (Business)	Police Department	323-6685
Recreation, Pool, Beach	Recreation Department	323-0419
Schools	Superintendent's Office	323-0423
	Special Education	323-0425
	Berkshire School	323-0446
	Center School	323-0444
	Cold Spring School	323-0428
	Chestnut Hill Community	323-0437 323-0439
	High School	323-0433
	Meadow School	323-0445
	Tadgell Hall	323-0483 323-0484 323-0485
Selectmen, Board of	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
Senior Citizens	Council on Aging	323-0421
Trash Disposal	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
	Transfer Station	323-0416
Veterans' Affairs	Veterans' Agent	323-0409

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STONE HOUSE MUSEUM

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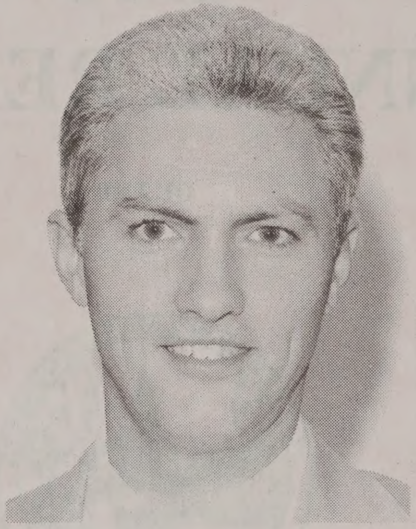

ANDRE R. MICHAUD
1953-1995

Board of Selectmen
1991-1995

1993-1994 Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals
1984-1991

1986, 1988-1989 Chairman

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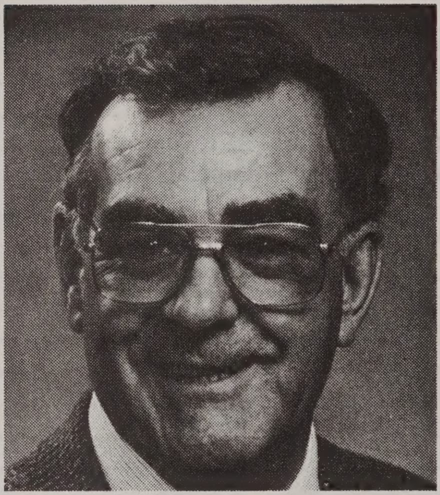
Dedication

RACHEL FARRINGTON
1919 - 1995

A native New Englander, Rachel Farrington grew up in New Hampshire and Vermont, and moved to Belchertown to make her home with her husband, Frank, a Belchertown native. She was not a stranger to Belchertown, often visiting her relatives here as a youngster.

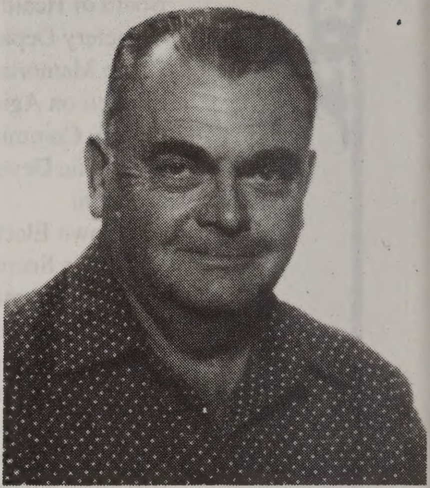
Mrs. Farrington was librarian at Clapp Memorial Library for 13 1/2 years, and will be remembered as much a part of the library as any classic. Many of us will remember her kindness and cheery assistance when trying to locate a specific book. Mrs. Farrington was an avid reader, and shared her enthusiasm of reading with everyone that visited the library.



DAVID ALEXANDER STAPLES
1924 - 1996

David Staples loved Belchertown and over the years didn't hesitate to show it. He joined various organizations in town from the volunteer firemen to the Masons, and more. He sincerely enjoyed the many hours he spent serving "his" community...not only as a local businessman but also by serving on three school building committees, the finance committee and Civil Defense to name a few. He chaired the Pathfinder School Committee and the Board of Assessors.

Dave loved to tell a story and always enjoyed a good laugh. He had a special knack of pointing out a person's special gifts. Dave never hesitated to tell you honestly how he felt about an issue...an honorable quality. He loved his family, his friends and his community with a passion...that was Dave. David Staples, a proud man with much to be proud of...loved and admire by so many. Dave, you are sorely missed.



LOUIS LAFRAMBOISE
1922 - 1995

Louis Laframboise was a dedicated Belchertown citizen, conservationist and sportsman. He was a founding member of the Conservation Commission, serving for over 20 years until his resignation in the 1980's. He was also an active member of the Isaac Walton League, a national conservation organization. Recipient of a Purple Heart, Louis was actively involved in the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion and the VFW. He was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. Louis was an avid sportsman and fisherman. A true steward of nature, he meticulously tended their beautiful Boardman Street property. Louis was also an active photographer. He belonged to several camera clubs, and frequently would be seen taking the pictures for community and club functions. Louis will always be remembered for his devotion, his community service and his gentle manner.

1995 Town Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires

ELECTED OFFICERS

Moderator

Joseph R. White	5/1995
Terry Scott Nagel (elected 5/15/95)	5/1996

Board of Selectmen

David Fredenburgh	5/1996
Linda E. Barron	5/1997
Andre R. Michaud (deceased 11/27/95)	5/1997
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	5/1998
Bernard R. Kubiak	5/1998

School Committee

Edward R. Mitnick (appt. 1/31/95) (elected 5/15/95)	5/1996
Richard D. White	5/1996
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/1997
Sharon D. Barnett	5/1997
Kathleen Beresky	5/1998

Planning Board

Michael A. Beresky	5/1996
Elizabeth C. Chase	5/1997
Douglas F. Albertson	5/1998
J. Arnold Voehringer	5/1999
James D. Hodgen	5/2000

Planning Board-Alternates (Members appointed)

Michael T. Henry	6/30/96

Planning Board - Associate Member

Narda L. Wakoluk	6/30/96

Cemetery Commissioner

Floyd R. Peeso	5/1996
Paul C. Cook	5/1997
David G. Hodgen	5/1998

Housing Authority

Antoinette M. Kubiak (Governor's Representative)	
Thomas T. Soja	5/1996
James A.Barry	5/1998
Richard T. Kane (appt., then elected 5/15/95)	5/1999
Louise M. Butler	5/2000

Sewer Commissioners (now called Sewer Advisory Board) no longer elected

Robert A. Dewhurst (elected)	5/1995
Albert F. Dewhurst (elected)	5/1996

Board of Health

Denise Finn-Rizzo	5/1996
Donald L. Minney	5/1997
David M. Haines	5/1998

County Commissioner

Bernard R. Kubiak	5/1997

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee Member

Judith C.Dudek	11/1996
David H. Squires	11/1998

Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund

Mary S. Pratt	5/1996
Kenneth H. Snow	5/1997
Sylvia C. Conkey	5/1998

Almoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Virginia M. Hislop	5/1996
Janet L. Wood	5/1996

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	6/30/97

Treasurer-Collector

William R. Barnett	6/30/97

Board of Assessors

William H. Fitzpatrick	5/1995
Pauline C. Johnson (resigned 9/30/95)	5/1996
Janise G. Fitzpatrick (appt. eff. 10/1/95)	6/30/96
Casimir W. Owczarski (resigned 9/30/95)	6/30/96
Michael P. Forgue (appt. eff. 10/1/95)	6/30/97
David E. Kiernan (appt. 5/24/95)	6/30/98

Executive Secretary

Anne M. Alzapiedi	6/30/96

Procurement Officer

Anne M. Alzapiedi

Town Accountant

Eleanor W. Green	6/30/96

Assistant Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/96

Assistant Town Clerk

Carol E. Hubbard	6/30/96

Assistant Town Treasurer

Gloria J. Conkey	6/30/96

Assistant Tax Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/96

Assistant Assessor

Adolph B. Cunha	6/30/96

Planning Technician

Susan M. Gay

Deputy Collectors

Lisa M. Banner (office)	12/1996
Gloria J. Conkey (office)	12/1996
Christine T. Jeffery	12/1996
Reid C. Jeffery	12/1996
Shirley Dillard	8/1996

Finance Committee

William A. Terry	6/30/95
Daniel H. Hennessy (resigned 4/3/95)	6/30/96
Ronald E. Aponte (appt. 1/30/95)	6/30/96
Rosann Martoccia (appt. 7/7/95)	6/30/96
Thomas M. Grady	6/30/97
Jacquelyne F. B. Gauthier	6/30/98
Arthur C. Fiorelli (appt. 6/30/95, resigned 7/12/95)	6/30/98
Susan J. Cameron (appt. 12/6/95)	6/30/98

Town Counsel

Leonard Kopelman, Attorney	6/30/96

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock (Acting Chief thru 6/18/95;
Appt. Chief 6/19/95)

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock (Acting Warden thru 6/18/95;
Appt. Warden 6/19/95)

Director of Public Works

Gary L. Brougham

Director of Inspection Services

David C. Holmes	6/30/96

Asst. Inspector of Buildings

Christopher Allison	6/30/96

Wiring Inspector

Douglas Rae	6/30/96

Asst. Wiring Inspector

Paul Choiniere (appt. 1/3/95)	6/30/96

Inspector of Plumbing

Owen P. Clifford, Jr.	6/30/96

Asst. Inspector of Plumbing

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/96
Danny Champagne	6/30/96

Gas Inspector

Owen P. Clifford, Jr.	6/30/96

Ass't. Gas Inspector

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/96
Danny Champagne	6/30/96

Dog Officer

Debra R. Michaud	6/30/96

Assistant Dog Officer

Philip Riverin	6/30/96
Judith Roberts	6/30/96

Veterans Services Agent

A. William Carrier	6/30/96

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Gary L. Brougham (appt. 6/5/95)	6/30/96

Sealer of Weights & Measures

David C. Holmes	6/30/96

Zoning Enforcement Officer

David C. Holmes	6/30/96

Veterans Graves Officer

David Lecours	6/30/96

Asst. Graves Officer

Wayne W. Buchanan	6/30/96

Registrars of Voters

M. Florine Neggers	3/31/96
Dorothy M. Brennen	3/31/97
Joyce E. Ferguson (resigned 8/19/95)	3/31/98

Assistant Registrars

Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)	3/31/96
Richard M. Sinkoski (Pathfinder)	3/31/96

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	8/31/95

ELECTION OFFICERS

Precinct A

Alice M. Burke (Warden) (resigned 6/15/95)	8/31/95
Rosemary Hodgen (Clerk)	8/31/95

Precinct B

Pauline Johnson (Warden)	8/31/95
Diane Ricchiazzi (Clerk)	8/31/95

Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	8/31/95
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)	8/31/95

Board of Appeals

Stephan B. Wurmbrand	6/30/96
Scott Surner	6/30/97
Michael A. Roncolato	6/30/98

Associate Members-Board of Appeals

Thomas W. Shattuck	6/30/96
Sandra Webb	6/30/96
Ramona Hussey (appt. 10/10/95)	6/30/96

Civil Defense Director

Charles Darling	6/30/96

Deputy Director Civil Defense

David Lecours	6/30/96

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Charles F. Darling	6/30/96

Members Civil Defense Dept.

Anne Alzapiedi	6/30/96
Gary L. Brougham	6/30/96
Joseph Lawler	6/30/96

War Memorial Committee

David A. Lecours	6/30/96
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/97
Roy F. Whidden	6/30/97
Herbert E. Squires	6/30/97
Francis A. Dudek	6/30/98

Rationing Board

Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/96
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/97
David H. Squires	6/30/98

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/96

Personnel Board

Stanley G. Wyman	6/30/95
Marcel F. Archambault	6/30/96
David A. Reed	6/30/97
Kenneth D. Nolan (appt. 9/28/95)	6/30/97
Ronald A. Pobieglo (appt. 6/30/95)	6/30/98
Maureen A. Wildey (appt, 7/7/95)	6/30/98

Recreation Director

Ronald Constantino	6/30/96

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Robert L. Chartier	6/30/96
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/96
Patricia Burton	6/30/97
David S. Whipple	6/30/97
Thomas E. Sullivan	6/30/98
Garry M. Bock, Associate	6/30/96

Conservation Commission

Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/96
Kathryn Z. Ruhf	6/30/96
Hubert F. Greene	6/30/97
David M. Haines	6/30/97
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/97
Jennie T. Greene	6/30/98
Robert W. Stover	6/30/98

Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range

Alice Kuc	6/30/95
Deborah Van Dyke (appt. 11/6/95)	6/30/96

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Elizabeth Chase, Member
Douglas Albertson, Alternate

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Joint Transportation Committee

J. Arnold Voehringer (resigned 3/26/95)	6/30/95
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/96
Pioneer Valley Planning Committee	

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Regional Advisory Committee

Daniel J. Laroche (appt. 3/6/95)	6/30/95

PVTA Advisory Board

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/96
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick (appt. 8/28/95)	6/30/96

Historical Commission

Thomas O'Neill	6/30/96
Kirk Stephens	6/30/96
MaryJane Pi Sunyer	6/30/97
Michael Forgue (appt. 7/10/95)	6/30/98
Hilary Woodcock (appt. 7/10/95)	6/30/98

Council on Aging

Madeline M. Linde	6/30/95
Jeannette M. Crowther	6/30/96
Eva "Terri" Ericksberg	6/30/96
Florine Neggers	6/30/96
Edith H. Lamica (resigned 3/1/95)	6/30/96
Robert Lavoie	6/30/96
Mary S. Pratt (appt. 3/27/95)	6/30/96
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/97
Michelle Ouhl	6/30/97
Casimir W. Owczarski	6/30/97
Joan Hutchinson	6/30/98
Theresa Glanville (appt. 6/19/95-eff. 7/1/95)	6/30/98
Marie A. Routier-Bergstrom (appt. 3/27/95)	6/30/98

Belchertown Arts Council

Judy McQuillen	6/30/95
Donna M. Kendall	6/30/96
Paul A. Marean	6/30/96
Rev. Andrew S. Wetmore	6/30/96
Mary Avery	6/30/97
Gloria Fox	6/30/97
Karen Schiffer	6/30/98

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Linda E. Barron	6/30/96
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/96
Laurel Hellerstein	6/30/96
James P. Kearney	6/30/96
Clarence E. Kaye (resigned 3/27/95)	6/30/95
Richard W. Whitfield (appt. 5/16/95)	6/30/96

Rent Control Board

William Barnett	6/30/95
George R. Harrell	6/30/96
John D. Burns	6/30/97
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	6/30/98
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/99

Recycling Committee Disbanded 6/5/95

William Gwozdz	6/30/95
Sheryl Lyles	6/30/96
Phillippe Deguise	6/30/97

Belchertown Fair Committee

Patrice Angeloni	6/30/95
Roxanne Austin	6/30/96
William Austin	6/30/96
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/96
Cindy Brown	6/30/96
Kevin Brown	6/30/96
Linda Gay	6/30/96
Frances Lofland	6/30/96
Nancy Searle	6/30/96
Robert Wilson	6/30/96
Mark Nute	6/30/96
Robert Squires	6/30/96
Laura Squires	6/30/96
Karen Miron	6/30/96
Cindy Phaneuf	6/30/96
Maureen Madden	6/30/96

Safety Committee

Anne M. Alzapiedi	6/30/96
Gary Brougham	6/30/96
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/96
Robert Knight	6/30/96
Carla Kutt	6/30/96
William Linde	6/30/96
James R. Phaneuf	6/30/96

Belchertown's Representative to Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program

William F. Steplar (appt. 1/19/95)

Elementary School Building Committee

Pauline Johnson	Final Report
Kevin P. Lucey	Final Report
Sharon C. Marean	Final Report
Everett C. Hume	Final Report
Alan E. Weiss	Final Report
David Fredenburgh	Final Report
James P. Fox	Final Report
Robert B. Byard, Assoc. Member	Final Report
Peter Crowley, Assoc. Member	Final Report
Michael E. Smith, Assoc. Member	Final Report

Fire Station Building Committee

Samuel J. Joyal	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
Edward Bock	Final Report
Richard Knight	Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes	Final Report
Homer Stebbins	Final Report
Charles Agen, Electrical Advisor	Final Report

Bruce Officer, Alternate	Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate	Final Report
Robert L. Brock	Final Report
Michael Brougham	Final Report
David Fredenburgh, ex officio	

Belchertown Historic District Commission

Stephen R. Woolf	6/30/95
John B. Curry, III	6/30/96
Richard J. Davitt, Jr.	6/30/96
Doris M. Dickinson	6/30/97
Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/98
Debbi Gottlieb (appt. 6/19/95)	6/30/98

Committee to Oversee "Willard Stebbins Acct"

Bernard R. Kubiak (from Bd. of Selectmen)

EMS Operations Manager

David Conkey	6/30/95
Thomas Majerowski (eff. 7/1/95)	6/30/96

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Roy Whidden	Final Report
Robert Byard	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Moreno	Final Report
Sharon Zukowski	Final Report
David C. Holmes	Final Report
Anne M. Alzapiedi	Final Report
Lee Concheri	Final Report
Daryl Herrick	Final Report
Jennifer Bagnell	Final Report
Mary F. Platt	Final Report

Hampshire County Group Health Insurance Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Eleanor Green

Economic Development & Industrial Corp.

Jeanette Rossi	6/30/96
Robert Brinkman	6/30/96
David Devine	6/30/97
William G. Whitlock (at large)	6/30/97
Arthur Fiorelli	6/30/98
Stephen Lanphear	6/30/98
Steven McCafferty	6/30/98

Patrick Landers, ex-officio
Francesca Maltese, ex-officio
Jonathan Spiegel, associate member
Gregory Galanek, associate member
Judith A. Hubach, associate member
Frances Callahan, associate member

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Gloria E. Ortiz	3/31/96
Roger W. Bacon	3/31/97
Neil S. McCann	3/31/98
Janise G.Fitzpatrick	6/30/99
Steven D. Rose	6/30/2000
John Malone, associate member	
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr., associate member	
William F. Steplar, associate member	

MRF Management Task Force

Norman Loftus	Final Report
William G. Whitlock	Final Report

Police Station Building Committee

John Curry, III	Final Report
Peter Burton	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Sylvia Conkey	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
James Boyko	Final Report
Joseph Rebello, associate member	Final Report
Dominic Colaccino, associate member	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, ex-officio	Final Report
Linda Barron, Selectman, ex-officio	Final Report

High School Building Committee
(appt. 10/10/95)

Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
Edward Perry	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.	Final Report
James Brown	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report
Robert Byard, ex-officio	
Eric Bernardin, associate	
Franklin D. Wenzel, associate	
Edward J. Ciosek, associate	
David M. Sammataro, associate	
William Watson, associate	
Melissa Michaud, non-voting adjunct member	

Advisory Committee for Renovations to Nursery II

Casimir Owczarski	Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Walter Papp	Final Report
Walter Michkosky	Final Report
Louise W. Blood (resigned 7/25/95)	Final Report
William Linde	Final Report
Sharon Zukowski (off 6/95)	Final Report
Madeleine Linde	Final Report
Jemma Lambert (appt. 10/10/95)	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka (appt. 10/10/95)	Final Report

Police Candidate Review Committee

Peter Burton	6/30/96
Patricia Sheridan	6/30/96
Orin Bracey	6/30/96

Rail Trail Committee

Lewis Louraine	Final Report
Peggy Louraine	Final Report
Alice Kuc	Final Report
Lawrence Tucker	Final Report
Paul Keating	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Sue Ordinetz	Final Report
Jean Arey	Final Report
Jay Holtzman	Final Report
Peter Crowley (appt. 2/13/95)	Final Report
Rorry Zahourek (appt. 2/13/95)	Final Report
Robert Kruse, associate	Final Report

Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee

David Haines	6/30/96
Robert Stover	6/30/96
Christopher Rice (resigned 3/23/95)	6/30/95
Bridgit Raith (appt. 8/21/95)	6/30/96

Committee to Evaluate the Status of the Quabbin Health District

(Final report was given at
Annual Town Meeting 5/8/95)

Paul Anziano
Christopher Bak
Andrew Beall
Robert Bishop
John Clegg
Gregory Galanek
Walter Henry, Jr.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward Bock
Robert Knight
Gary Brougham
Anne M. alzapiedi

Sewer Treatment Plant Design Committee
(appt. 2/21/95)

Gary Brougham	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Kathy Ruhf	Final Report
William G. Whitlock	Final Report

Performance Evaluation Committee
(appt. 6/5/95)

Terry Chevalier	Final Report
Gary Brougham	Final Report
Edward Bock	Final Report
Anne M. Alzapiedi	Final Report
David Fredenburgh (appt. 6/5/95)	Final Report
Esther Pierce (appt. 7/24/95)	Final Report

Board of Health Transition Committee
(appt. 7/17/95)
(appt. made by Board of Health)

William Terry
Arthur Fiorelli
William Barnett
Barbara Pasternak
Louise Butler
Andre Michaud (deceased 11/95)
Kirk Stephens (appt. 9/5/95)

Recreation Building Study Committee
(appt. 11/6/95)

Gary M. Bock	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Dianne Chamberlain	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Police Department
Chief

Robert A. Knight

Sergeant (Full-Time)

Francis Fox	6/30/96
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	6/30/96
William C. Zobka	6/30/96

Constable

John Milner	6/30/96
Andrew Sears	6/30/96

Patrol Officers (Full-Time)

William D. Beatty, Jr.	6/30/96
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/96
Sean Bracey	6/30/96
James Jackson	6/30/96
Winthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/96
Jeffrey Sendek	6/30/96
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/96
William A. Panto	6/30/96
Edward H. Oey	6/30/96

Patrol Officers (Part Time)

Kevin Antonovitch	6/30/96
John Bonafini	6/30/96
David A. Conkey	6/30/96
Sean Hamel	6/30/96
James Taylor	6/30/96
William C.Zobka, Jr.	6/30/96
Stephanie M. Miller	6/30/95
David A. Black	6/30/96

Special Police Officer

Patricia W. Antonovitch	6/30/96

Crossing Guards-School Traffic

Hector Tetrault	6/30/96
Janet Misischia	6/30/96
Andrew T.Sears, Jr., (sub)	6/30/96
Sophie H. Supczak	6/30/96
Edward Czech (sub)	6/30/95

Board of Health Appointments
Quabbin Health District

Judy Moreno, Health Officer	6/30/96
Roger Bonsall, Asst. Health Officer	6/30/96

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/96

Physician Advisor to Board

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/96

Inspector of Animals

Robert Novick	3/96

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen (from left): W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, David Fredenburgh, Chairman, Bernard R. Kubiak and Linda E. Barron.

The year 1995 was a year of triumph and tragedy for the Board of Selectmen. It was a year that tested our ability to meet the challenge of wide variety issues on behalf of the Town. We've tried to approach each issue in a careful and collegial manner, recognizing that each member has important contributions to make to the operation of the Town. Overall, I believe we acted consistently in the best interests of the community as a whole, in keeping with the best values of the over 350 years of history and tradition that make up the Selectmen and Open Town Meeting form of government in Massachusetts.

We hope you take the time to read this report cover to cover. It is a chronicle of the activities of the Town over the last year and a citizen's guide to government. Last year's edition of the Town Report was recognized by an award for excellence from the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The past year, as the Accountant's and Treasurer's reports will demonstrate, found the Town in good financial health. We have managed to fund key efforts, foremost the requirement of the Education Reform Act, while maintaining significant financial reserves. The Selectmen worked cooperatively with the School Committee, the Finance Committee and key staff to craft a budget that met a majority of the Town's needs and placed the community in a strong position as we enter Fiscal Year 1997. The Board has offered a revised budget process for the new fiscal year aimed at further improving how our budgets are developed and funds allocated.

In the area of capital projects, the Selectmen are engaged in several efforts to offer improved facilities or infrastructure. Design work is underway on both the proposed Senior Center and the Police Station, both of which will occupy buildings on the edge of the former State School Campus. In collaboration with the EDIC, legislation has been prepared that will release the required parcels of land to the Town. The EDIC, with the full support of the Board, intends to file that bill during the current legislative session. We will continue to work with the EDIC, our legislators, and state agencies to insure that the former State School property is cleaned up to current standards and made available to the EDIC for development.

The completion of the new Masonic Lodge will allow for the realignment of the Main Street and Maple Street corner and revised traffic signals, offering the prospect of some relief to the difficulties of making your way through that intersection The Board wishes to acknowledge the cooperative efforts of the Vernon Lodge that allowed for a redesign to this heavily used intersection.

The Board has approved design and funding strategies for the sewage disposal plant that will upgrade that facility and extend the sewer lines to the Lakes and other critical areas. We have redoubled our efforts to obtain state assistance in a clean up of the so-called Endelson property along the Swift River. As part of this effort, we enlisted the aid of students and staff from the Landscape Architecture program at the University of Massachusetts to demonstrate what the site could look like once it was rehabilitated. In other activities related to the environment, the Board was able to obtain funding for further weed control in Lake Metacomet. When that project was not able to be completed, we were able to retain the funding and work with the contractor to develop a better approach to the problem. Progress was made on the development of the Rail Trail, which is detailed in Rail Trail Committee's report.

Not all of our grant activities were successful. An ambitious Community Development Block Grant application, prepared jointly with Amherst, Hadley and Pelham was not funded. With two successful years being followed by two unsuccessful years, the Board will re-examine our approach to how we apply for these funds, if the Block Grant program is continued by the State and Federal governments. Competition for these grants has increased dramatically in recent years as funds have become less available and the needs of communities increase.

The Board has made a continued effort to stay in contact with our Representatives and Senator to insure communications with the State House. We have compiled our "Legislative Wish List" as a mechanism to call our legislator's attention to what the Selectmen believe are important bills, pending or proposed, for the community. Each year we have also revised the Community Action Statement as required by the Executive Office of Communities and Development to position the Town to take advantage of future grant opportunities.

The Board addressed a variety of issues in the past year that were not likely to garner headlines but were nonetheless meaningful: prevailing wage, the day school and senior center leases, financing the new elementary school and approval of policies ranging from ADA compliance to the operation of the ambulance. We intend to continue our customer service initiative, improve opportunities for staff training and oversee the development of a personnel evaluation system.

We intend to continue our advocacy for locating the Eastern Hampshire District Court in Belchertown and have secured the support of virtually all the communities on the Eastern side of the Connecticut River.

We cannot let the Selectmen's report pass without mention of our late colleague, Andre Michaud. Andy brought a unique set of skills to the Board that brought out the best in all of us. His death left more than an empty seat at the table and he will be long remembered.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard R. Kubiak,
Chair

Executive Secretary

Anne M. Alzapiedi

It is the Executive Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and with the assistance of the Town staff, that coordiantes the diverse needs of the Town. Policies and procedures must be drafted and implemented which creatively balance customer service needs with costs.

Our many accomplishments were achieved only through the cooperative work and support of the Town's citizens, volunteers serving on boards and commissions, and the hardworking management team and staff of the Town.

Each preceeding page will outline the many accomplishments by various Town departments. However, the following achievements are worth special note:

- Last year the Board of Selectmen requested that an ad-hoc committee be formed to address public safety. The Public Safety Team is made up of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Operations Manager, DPW Director, and is chaired by the Executive Secretary. The charge of this team is to evaluate the Town's public safety strategy and training. During 1995 the team worked on a Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Plan in the event that we experience a HazMat incident. Several drafts have been completed and the team has undergone a "table top" exercise of the plan with repreentatives from the Springfield Fire Training School. A final plan will be approved in 1996 after a mock HazMat incident takes place.

- The Town also provided HazMat Responder I Training for all public safety personnel. Approximtely 30 employees in the Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Service, and Public Works departments have received this training.

- A Performance Evalution Committee was formed by the Selectmen to be chaired by the Executive Secretary. This committee is made up of management level and staff level employees who's goal is to create a perfromance evaluation process. It is the goal of this committee that, beginning in 1996, all Town employees will be evaluated by their supervisor via a balanced and fair evaluation system.

- In September 1995, the Selectmen presented the Customer Service Hadbook entitled "A Guide to Belchertown". This booklet was produced by the members of the Customer Service Team made up of staff members charged with improving customer service to the public. This book is available in all Town offices and Clapp Memorial Library and outlines exactly how our local government works and who to call or where to go if you have a problem or concern.

- The Americans with Disabilities Act Committee completed three large projects:

    - ADA Grievance Procedure - The Town of Belchertown adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by U.S. Department of Justice regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Title II states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination" in programs or activities sponsored by a public entity.

    - ADA Transition Plan - The focus of ADA is to make programs accessible. If it is possible to ensure accessibility through alternative means, such as auxiliary aids, relocating programs or making home visits, structural changes are not required. If structural changes are required, each public entity has to develop a transition plan outlining the steps to be taken and a schedule for completion. The Town's ADA Transition Plan outlines any structural barriers in each Town and School building and is available in various formats (large print, braille, audio tape, etc.) in the Selectmen's Office.

    - ADA Self-Evaluation - State and local governments are required to conduct a self-evaluation of their programs and practices to identify and correct any that do not meet the requirements of Title II. The Belchertown ADA Committee completed a Self-Evaluation Survey of all departmental services and programs which is available in various formats (large print, braille, audio tape, etc.) in the Selectmen's Office.

- Town Meeting also voted to approve a Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw. This bylaw allows the town to enforce bylaws that are already in place. This type of enforcement procedure does not add any new laws, but rather allows the Town to enforce violations of specific local bylaws and regulations by means of a ticket. Non-Criminal Disposition has two advantages:

    1. It allows a person to pay a fine if there is a violation of a bylaw or regulation that Town Meeting has already approved. People are also able to go to court if they want to appeal the ticket, but it is the decision of the person who violates the bylaw.

    2. It reduces the Town's costs of having to go to court every time it needs to enforce a bylaw. It also decreases the amount of cases with which the court has to deal.

- The Town was privileged to receive several grants during 1995. Town staff worked very hard to write grants, some of which are listed below:

    - Clapp Memorial Library was awarded $50,000 to repair its roof.
    - The Town was awarded $10,000 for the 1995 Lake and Pond Grant to remove floating islands in Lake Metacomet.

As you will read in individual department reports, the Town has accomplished much during the past year. Although every year poses new challenges, we are looking foward to facing them in an effective and proactive manner. I am proud of the professionalism displayed by the employees of the Town and enjoy being a contributing member of the Belchertown Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne M. Alzapiedi,
Executive Secretary

Personnel Board

During 1995, several events occurred that affect the Personnel By-law and employees of Belchertown. Specifically, the activities that took place are:

- All town employees included in the Personnel By-law underwent position evaluation by an outside consulting firm (MMA Consulting Group, Inc.) and a new classification and compensation system was adopted by the town at Town Meeting on 3/20/95. Work is on-going to bring several employees into compliance with the classification and compensation system that were not included in the original study;
- The Personnel Board in increased to 5 members from 3;
- A town-wide committee was established to develop a performance evaluation system for all town employees.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during their term. The Committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and can not be postponed until Town Meeting.

The Town of Belchertown's budget continues to grow at a rapid pace. In Fiscal Year 1996 (July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996), the Town's operating expenses have increased over $1.5 million (approximately 10%) versus FY95 totals. Most of the additional operating expenses can be traced to a state-mandated increase in school spending ($1 million) and interest expenses which are directly related to bonding for the new elementary school. In addition to the increased operating expenses, nearly $400,000 was appropriated for capital items that ranged from repairing the High School roof to upgrading the Town's computer system to replacing leaky underground gas tanks.

The Town also realized an increase in revenues. Local taxes and receipts increased approximately $750,000 and state-aid-received increased $1.6 million (22%) over FY95 figures. The moderate increase in local taxes and receipts when coupled with the generous state-aid figure was enough to offset the growth in Town expenses and capital item appropriations while leaving the Town with slightly over $1,000,000 of "free cash".

Although at first glance it may appear that the Town is in an envious financial position, the outlook is actually far more ominous than it currently appears. Within the next 6-7 years, Belchertown must consider funding several large capital items which include:

• Landfill Capping	(Est. $750,000 - $900,000)
• New Fire Station	(Est. $3.5 million - $5.0 million)
• New Police Station	(Est.$1.1 million - $1.3 million)
• New Senior Center	(Est. $600,000 - $800,000)
• Implement. of School/ Town Tech. Plan	(Est. $1.5 million - $3.0 million)
• ADA Compliance	(Est. $125,000 - $175,000)
• New Recreational Facilities	(Est. $750,000 - $1.3 million)
• New Senior High School	(Est. $22.0 million - $30.0 million)

While a large amount of grants and state aid may be available for these projects, it is apparent that the town is entering into a perilous financial period.

It is for this reason that the Finance Committee's top priority is to continue to rebuild the Stabilization Fund We envision utilizing the Stabilization Fund to offset some of the financial demands of these upcoming projects and lessen the impact to the Town. With this goal in mind, we will continue to scrutinize the Town's operational budget for non-prudent expenditures and judge capital appropriations on their ability to generate a commensurate income and/or cost savings. However, we believe that simple cost-cutting and efficiency increases alone will not save enough money to fund the aforementioned capital projects. This is why we implore Town officials to seek out additional sources of revenue so that worthy and needed projects are not financed almost solely by the home owners of Belchertown.

Belchertown's high quality of life has led to a steady period of growth for the Town. With this growth comes the need to increase and improve the Town's infrastructure as well as increased needs to protect and educate our families. Many of the imminent large capital items are necessary to ensure our high standard of living during this period of growth, however, their costs threaten the financial stability of the Town.

In order to overcome this predicament, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, will continue to employ prudent financial judgement whenever your tax dollars are being spent. In addition, we will increase our efforts to seek out new revenue sources that will lessen the burden on all tax payers. This is our unwavering commitment to the residents of Belchertown.

Town Accountant

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1995

ASSETS		
Cash		3,022,334.39
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	5,419.780.20	
Excise Taxes	305,300.48	
Tax Liens	507,544.51	
Lieu Taxes	5,405.53	
Special Assessments	450,877.84	
Departmental	93,299.05	
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts	(519,728.08)	
		6,262,479.53
Tax Foreclosure		904.71
Amount to be provided for payment of debt		299,179.00
Total Assets		9,584,897.63
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Warrants Payable		384,983.78
Employee Withholdings		30,802.45
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	4,825,052.12	
Excise Taxes	305,300.48	
Tax Liens	507,544.51	
Lieu Taxes	5,405.53	
Special Assessments	450,877.84	
Departmental	93,299.05	
		6,187,479.53
Unclaimed Checks		13,942.10
Bond anticipation notes payable		299,179.00
Total Liabilities		6,916,386.86
Fund Equity		
Reserve for encumbrances		527,806.63
Reserve for expenditures		404,800.00
Unreserved fund balance		1,719,801.14
Fund balance designated for over/under est.		16,103.00
Total fund equity		2,668,510.77
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		9,584,897.63

Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1995

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,022,334.39	400,526.94	3,796,767.78	302,156.96	123,509.67	530,815.44		8,166,111.18
Investments						3,500.00		3,500.00
Petty Cash Advance		500.00						500.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	5,419,780.20							5,419,780.20
Excise Taxes	305,300.48							305,300.48
Tax Liens	507,544.51			7,139.97				514,684.48
Lieu Taxes	5,405.53							5,405.53
Special Assessments	450,877.84							450,877.84
User Charges				64,043.91				64,043.91
Departmental	93,299.05							93,299.05
Due From Other Governments		589,318.46	378,092.00					967,410.46
Less Allowance for Uncollectible Accts.	(519,728.08)							(519,728.08)
Tax Foreclosure	904.71							904.71
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Debt	299,179.00		3,700,821.00				5,166,770.00	9,166,770.00
Escrow Trust Fund							5,030,203.27	5,030,203.27
Total Assets	9,584,897.63	990,345.40	7,865,680.78	373,340.84	123,509.67	534,315.44	10,196,973.27	29,669,063.03
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Warrants Payable	384,983.78	66,421.52	591.46	39,892.46	21,235.09	1,669.50		514,793.81
Employee Withholdings	30,802.45							30,802.45
Deferred Revenue								
Property Taxes	4,825,052.12							4,825,052.12
Excise Taxes	305,300.48							305,300.48
Tax Liens	507,544.51			7,139.97				514,684.48
Lieu Taxes	5,405.53							5,405.53
Special Assessments	450,877.84							450,877.84
User Charges				64,043.91				64,043.91
Departmental	93,299.05							93,299.05
Other Governments		589,318.46	378,092.00					967,410.46
Unclaimed Checks	13,942.10							13,942.10
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	299,179.00		3,700,821.00					4,000,000.00
Bond Indebtedness							5,166,770.00	5,166,770.00
Refinancing Bond Debt							5,030,203.27	5,030,203.27
Total Liabilities	6,916,386.86	655,739.98	4,079,504.46	111,076.34	21,235.09	1,669.50	10,196,973.27	21,982,585.50
FUND EQUITY								
Reserve for Encumbrances	527,806.63							527,806.63
Reserve for Expenditure	404,800.00							404,800.00
Unreserved:								
Designated for Subsequent Yrs. Expense		334,605.42	3,786,176.32					4,120,781.74
Undesignated	1,719,801.14			262,264.50	102,274.58			2,084,340.22
Fund Balance Reserved for Over/Under	16,103.00							16,103.00
Reserved						532,645.94		532,645.94
Total Fund Equity	2,668,510.77	334,605.42	3,786,176.52	262,264.50	102,274.58	532,645.94	-0-	7,686,477.53
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	9,584,897.63	990,345.40	7,865,680.78	373,340.84	123,509.67	534,315.44	10,196,973.27	29,669,063.03

Combined Statement of
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 1995

	General General Fund	Government Special Revenue	Funds Capital Projects	Enterprise Sewer Enterprise	Funds Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Type Expendable Trusts	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	7,977,701.18						7,977,701.18
State Receipts	5,558,512.02						5,558,512.02
Excise Taxes	673,551.43						673,551.43
Tax Liens	71,245.64						71,245.64
Lieu Taxes	249,551.03						249,551.03
Licenses & Permits	128,201.40						128,201.40
Special Assessments	122,729.75						122,729.75
Interest	220,791.32	2,110.36		220.47		28,698.60	251,820.75
Fines & Forfeits	114,338.07						114,338.07
Departmental Revenue	170,923.41						170,923.41
Fees	63,192.00	486,399.39					549,591.39
Off-Set Receipts	49,204.34						49,204.34
Other	137,677.12	4,738.30		30.00			142,445.42
Grants		1,080,316.50	1,350,093.00				2,430,409.50
User Fees				241,475.70	150,849.95		392,325.65
Performance Guarantee		13,900.00					13,900.00
Gifts		49,090.21					49,090.21
Total Revenues	15,537,618.71	1,636,554.76	1,350,093.00	241,726.17	150,849.95	28,698.60	18,945,541.19
Expenditures							
General Government	844,471.74	28,059.93					872,531.67
Protection of Persons & Property	1,072,867.56	69,540.10					1,142,407.66
Education	9,255,142.34	755,764.04					10,010,906.38
Public Works	578,974.28	418,671.17				7,775.65	1,005,421.10
Environmental		166,500.00		214,103.67	181,978.28	3,825.00	566,406.95
Human Services	250,777.70	206,637.88				9,103.52	466,519.10
Culture & Recreation	234,006.38	103,190.87					337,197.25
Insurance & Unclassified	819,099.60						819,099.60
Debt & Interest	909,787.77			57,473.22			967,260.99
State Assessments	69,016.00						69,016.00
Prior Year Expenditures	443,347.23						443,347.23
Construction			1,329,931.26				1,329,931.26
Total Expenditures	14,477,490.60	1,748,363.99	1,329,931.26	271,576.89	181,978.28	20,704.17	18,030,045.19
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	1,060,128.11	(111,809.23)	20,161.74	(29,850.72)	(31,128.33)	7,994.43	915,496.00
Other Financing Sourses (Uses)							
Operating Transfers In	307,184.35		3,700,821.00	92,318.00	82,682.00	100,000.00	4,283,005.35
Operating Transfers Out	275,000.00	4,948.93				5,952.03	285,900.96
Total Financing Sources (Uses):	32,184.35	(4,948.93)	3,700,821.00	92,318.00	82,682.00	94,047.97	3,997,104.39
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	1,092,312.46	(116,758.16)	3,720,982.74	62,467.28	51,553.67	102,042.40	4,912,600.39
Fund Balance 7-1-94	1,576,198.31	450,863.58	65,193.58	199,797.22	50,720.91	301,215.89	2,643,989.49
Fund Balance 6-30-95	2,668,510.77	334,105.42	3,786,176.32	262,264.50	102,274.58	403,258.29	7,556,589.88

Statement of Expenditures
Compared with Authorizations
for Period Ended June 30, 1995

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable Unfavorable	Encumbered to FY96
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	25.00		21.91	3.09	
Selectmen	16,509.00		14,647.23	1,861.77	
Executive Secretary	50,761.00		50,442.43	318.57	
Finance Committee	185.00		160.00	25.00	
Reserve Fund	30,000.00	(17,639.00)		12,361.00	
Accountant-Secretary	155,497.0		151,129.05	4,367.95	
Computing/Purchasing	47,673.00		45,761.68	1,911.32	
Assessors	142,848.00	4,400.00	130,883.96	16,364.04	12,778.04
Treasurer-Collector	134,431.00		114,337.52	20,093.48	
Law Account	51,600.00		51,139.11	460.89	
Town Clerk	44,749.00	1,846.00	46,296.63	298.37	
Election & Registration	32,125.00	600.00	28,481.02	4,243.98	
Conservation Commission	17,435.00		17,398.58	36.42	
Pioneer Valley Planning	1,586.85		1,586.85	0-0	
Planning Board	17,842.00		16,075.09	1,766.91	
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,150.00		2,547.80	602.20	
Mobile Home Rent Control	200.00		91.98	108.02	
EDIC	15,000.00		2,146.24	12,853.76	
Rail Trail Committee	2,850.00		645.95	2,204.05	
Maintenance Grounds	148,545.00		146,884.57	1,660.43	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	22,450.00		20,996.14	1,453.86	
Printing Annual Report	4,000.00		2,798.00	1,202.00	
	939,461.85	(10,793.00)	844,471.74	84,197.11	12,778.04
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	806,777.00		781,449.06	25,327.94	
Police Station	6,650		6,537.56	112.44	
Fire Department	128,432.00		127,536.52	895.48	
Hydrant Service	20,300.00	304.00	20,604.00	-0-	
Ambulance	51,280.00		39,448.38	11,831.62	
Inspection Services	76,993.00		73,590.14	3,402.86	
Civil Defense	770.00		594.08	175.92	100.00
Dog Officer	13,980.00	2,000.00	15,111.62	868.38	
Tree Warden & Forestry	8,200.00		7,996.20	203.80	
	1,113,382.00	2,304.00	1,072,867.56	42,818.44	100.00
EDUCATION					
Town Schools	9,044,961.00		8,705,972.34	338,988.66	338,689.04
Regional School	549,170.00		549,170.00	-0-	
	9,594,131.00	-0-	9,255,142.34	338,988.66	338,689.04
PUBLIC WORKS					
Personal Services	271,389.00		256,208.83	15,180.17	
Professional Engineering	10,500.00		10,419.89	80.11	
Construction Materials	18,000.00		17,547.35	452.65	
Snow & Ice Removal	55,500.00		55,485.11	14.89	
Street Lighting	29,000.00		28,490.37	509.63	
Road Machinery	55,700.00		49,149.14	6,550.86	
Road Machinery Capital	83,750.00		82,480.00	1,270.00	
Streets	40,000.00		39,713.02	286.98	
Town Garage	9,255.00	74.00	9,095.51	233.49	
Hired Services	30,500.00		30,385.06	114.94	
Lakes - Weed Control	10,000.00		-0-	10,000.00	10,000.00
	613,594.00	74.00	578,974.28	34,693.72	10,000.00

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variance Favorable Unfavorable	Encumbered to FY96
HUMAN SERVICES					
Cemetery Commissioners	31,960.00		31,945.97	14.03	
Cemetery Land Acquisition	24,900.00		22,400.00	2,500.00	
Board of Health	22,745.00		13,881.96	8,863.04	
Quabbin Health District	56,627.50		56,627.50	-0-	
Council on Aging	99,375.00		92,999.84	6,375.16	
Senior Center Plans	6,250.00		0-0	6,250.00	6,250.00
Veterans' Services	33,620.00	258.00	32,922.43	955.57	
	275,477.50	258.00	250,777.70	24,957.80	6,250.00
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Clapp Memorial Library	102,402.00	1,625.00	103,996.91	30.09	
Recreation Department	129,989.42		124,628.72	5,360.70	
Old Town Hall	4,300.00		3,895.99	404.01	
Town Common	1,050.00		787.19	262.81	
Town Clock	400.00		400.00	0-0	
Historic District	348.00		27.60	320.40	
Historical Commission	250.00		-0-	250.00	
Patriotic Exercises	300.00		269.97	30.03	
	239,039.42	1,625.00	234,006.38	6,658.04	-0-
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED					
Unclassified	37,700.00		33,710.25	3,989.75	
Pensions	342,795.00		342,295.00	500.00	
Insurance	465,008.23	6,482.00	442,421.51	29,068.72	1,848.09
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	672.84		672.84	-0-	
	846,176.07	6,482.00	819,099.60	33,558.47	1,848.09
DEBT & INTEREST					
Maturing Debt	639,054.00	50.00	639,104.00	-0-	
Interest	288,840.00		270,683.77	18,156.23	
	927,894.00	50.00	909,787.77	18,156.23	-0-
SUMMARY					
General Government	939,461.85	(10,793.00)	844,471.74	84,197.11	12,778.04
Protection of Persons & Property	1,113,382.00	2,304.00	1,072,867.56	42,818.44	100.00
Education	9,594,131.00	-0-	9,255,142.34	338,988.66	338,689.04
Public Works	613,594.00	74.00	578,974.28	34,693.72	10,000.00
Human Services	275,477.50	258.00	250,777.70	24,957.80	6,250.00
Culture and Recreation	239,039.42	1,625.00	234,006.38	6,658.04	-0-
Insurance & Unclassified	846,176.07	6,482.00	819,099.60	33,558.47	1,848.09
Debt & Interest	927,894.00	50.00	909,787.77	18,156.23	-0-
	14,549,155.84	-0-	13,965,127.37	584,028.47	369,665.17
Encumbered Funds	608,101.11		443,347.23	164,753.88	158,141.46
TOTALS	15,157,256.95	-0-	14,408,474.60	748,782.35	527,806.63
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Assessors	8,000.00		7,387.58	612.42	
Fire Station Specs & Plans	80,000.00		60,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Fire Station Building Committee	12,500.00		4,055.63	8,444.37	8,444.37
Fire Rescue Truck	105,039.00		105,039.00	-0-	
Hazardous Waste Suits	6,000.00		-0-	6,000.00	
Police Station Specs & Plans	40,000.00		-0-	40,000.00	40,000.00
School Department	192,719.11		192,719.11	-0-	
School Chairlift	40,000.00		-0-	40,000.00	40,000.00
School Land Survey	310.00		126.00	184.00	184.00
School Building Committee	13,463.00		3,949.91	9,513.09	9,513.09
School Specs & Plans	70,000.00		70,000.00	-0-	
Senior Center Specs & Plans	35,000.00		-0-	35,000.00	35,000.00
Traffic Light Reconfiguration	5,000.00		-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Recreation	70.00		70.00	-0-	
	608,101.11	-0-	443,347.23	164,753.88	158,141.46

Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1995

	Fund Balance 7-1-94	Additions	Fund Balance 6-30-95
Poor Funds:			
Susan M.D. Bridgman	5,150.00		5,150.00
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Frank Scialla Memorial	3,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Sr. Center Memorial	8,289.51	2,961.00	10,250.51
Pension Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	71,637.14	5,250.00	76,887.14
Susan M.D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	121,176.65	8,211.00	129,387.65

Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1995

	Balance 7-1-94	Additions	Income	Expended	Audit Adjustment	Transferred Out	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6-30-95
Poor Funds:								
Susan M.D. Bridgman	53,467.01		7,673.34	7,199.27	1,251.15		52,689.93	52,689.93
Whiting Street	29,605.47		1,604.29		582.76		30,627.00	30,627.00
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	2,202.87		170.36		53.60		2,319.63	2,319.63
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,295.69		457.47		19.86		6,733.30	6,733.30
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	3,567.11		354.87		82.33		3,839.65	3,839.65
Town Clock Fund:								
Frank Scialla Memorial	1,769.07		156.28		65.65		1,859.70	1,859.70
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	1,613.09		370.08	1,904.25	215.48		(136.56)	(136.56)
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	6,579.07		4,612.06	7,725.65	89.95		3,375.53	3,375.53
Susan M.D. Bridgman	769.24		38.89		18.75		789.38	789.38
Nellie E. Brown	3,196.46		169.26	50.00	68.08		3,247.64	3,247.64
Williard Stebbins	3,517.22		201.44		113.03		3,605.63	3,605.63
Vianna E. Somes	1,424.88		69.50		33.58		1,460.80	1,460.80
Pension Fund	6,016.04		846.88				6,862.92	6,862.92
Conservation Fund	16,245.17		614.77	3,825.00	301.39		12,733.55	12,733.55
Stabilization Fund	164,947.50	100,000.00	11,359.11			3,056.42	273,250.19	273,250.19
	301,215.89	100,000.00	28,698.60	20,704.17	2,895.61	3,056.42	403,258.29	403,258.29

Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 1995

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7-1-94	Paid In FY 1995	Outstanding 6-30-95	Due In FY 1996
Rita Lane						
Water Loan	1983	5.00	7,200.00	2,400.00	4,800.00	2,400.00
Bay Road						
Water Loan	1984	5.00	1,300.00	330.00	970.00	330.00
Daigle Well						
Water Loan	1994	5.00	619,000.00	31,000.00	588,000.00	31,000.00
George Hannum						
Sewer Loan	1992	6.40	178,000.00	45,000.00	133,000.00	45,000.00
Middle School						
Loan	1992	4.55	4,820,000.00	560,000.00	4,260,000.00	535,000.00
Combined						
Maint. Loan	1993	4.25	225,374.00	45,374.00	180,000.00	45,000.00
			5,850,874.00	684,104.00	5,166,770.00	658,730.00

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 1995

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1996	658,730.00	223,225.50	881,955.50
1997	648,720.00	195,952.75	844,672.75
1998	619,320.00	168,150.75	787,470.75
1999	561,000.00	142,243.75	703,243.75
2000	506,000.00	118,622.50	624,622.50
2001	486,000.00	95,692.50	581,692.50
2002	481,000.00	72,650.00	553,650.00
2003	456,000.00	49,675.00	505,675.00
2004	441,000.00	27,250.00	468,250.00
2005	31,000.00	15,540.00	46,540.00
2006	31,000.00	13,900.00	44,900.00
2007	31,000.00	12,350.00	43,350.00
2008	31,000.00	10,800.00	41,800.00
2009	31,000.00	9,250.00	40,250.00
2010	31,000.00	7,700.00	38,700.00
2011	31,000.00	6,150.00	37,150.00
2012	31,000.00	4,600.00	35,600.00
2013	31,000.00	3,050.00	34,050.00
2014	30,000.00	1,500.00	31,500.00
	5,166,770.00	1,178,302.75	6,345,072.75

Report of the Town Treasurer

July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995

Cash on hand 6/30/94*	$1,256,245.00	Payments, as authorized	30,121,220.00
Receipts 7/1/94 - 6/30/95	37,031,587.00	Cash on hand 6/30/95	8,166,612.00
	38,287,832.00		38,287,832.00

Interest income from Savings, Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts, & Stabilization Account - $221,337.00

*This figure has been adjusted upward in the recent audit.

Funds borrowed during period 7/1/94 6/30/95, as authorized

Note #	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due	Date	Rate Interest
918	VOID						
919—23	Revenue Anticipation	Bank of Western MA	7/1/94	2,000,000.00	9/30/94	3.25	16,250.00
924	BAN	State Street Bank & Trust	5/12/95	2,200,000.00	6/31/95	4.25	12,466.67
925	BAN	Bank of Western MA	5/12/95	299,179.00	6/30/95	4.20	1,675.40
926	BAN	Bank of Western MA	6/30/95	500,000.00	11/17/95	3.90	At Maturity
927	BAN	Baybank	6/30/95	1,000,821.00	11/17/95	4.07	At Maturity
928	BAN (Renewal)	Baybank	6/30/95	2,200,000.00	11/17/95	4.07	At Maturity
929	BAN (Renewal)	Baybank	6/30/95	299,179.00	11/17/95	4.07	At Maturity
930	VOID						

TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Account	6/30/94	Deposits	Interest & Div.	Transfers & Withdrawals	6/30/95
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	12,746.24	_	505.47	_	13,251.71
George Longley	4,318.89	_	170.36	_	4,489.25
Susan Bridgman (Cemetery)	986.40	_	38.89	_	1,025.29
Whiting Street	40,869.44	_	1,604.29	_	42,473.73
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	5,162.08	_	201.44	_	5,363.52
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,706.59	_	306.87	_	5,013.46
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	60,527.44	_	7,766.96	7,199.27	61,095.13
Vianna Somes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1,776.58	_	69.80	_	1,846.38
Nellie Brown (Mt. Hope Cem.)	4,312.50	_	169.26	50.00	4,431.76
Perpetual Care (MMDT Cem)	70,175.01	_	3,710.65	_	73,885.66
Perpetual Care (Reg. Cem.)	10,505.76	5,750.00	401.41	4,025.50	12,631.67
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	3,985.01	_	156.28	_	4,141.29
Conservation	17,280.56	_	614.77	3,500.00	14,395.33
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	164,941.84	300,000.00	11,265.49	28,000.00	448,207.33
Pension Reserve Fund	16,016.04	_	846.88	_	16,862.92
Senior Center Trust	9,190.80	2,961.00	370.08	2,213.25	10,308.63
	427,501.18	308,711.00	28,198.90	44,988.02	719,423.06

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Treasurer

Town and Tax Collector

July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1995

Fiscal 1975 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		356.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		234.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		891.48
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	891.48	
	891.48	891.48

Fiscal 1980 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		957.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	957.60	
	957.60	957.60

Fiscal 1981 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		792.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	792.40	
	792.40	792.40

Fiscal 1982 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		1,163.14
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	1,163.14	
	1,163.14	1,163.14

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		72.59
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	72.59	
	72.59	72.59

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		538.85
Collected	487.61	
Outstanding 6/30/95	51.24	
	538.85	538.85

Fiscal 1988 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		1,586.44
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	1,586.44	
	1,586.44	1,586.44

Fiscal 1989 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		4,856.53
Tax Title	2,133.11	
Collected	249.01	
Outstanding 6/30/95	2,474.41	
	4,856.53	4,856.53

Fiscal 1990 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		5,784.27
Tax Title	2,787.43	
Collected	2,704.86	
Outstanding 6/30/95	291.98	
	5,784.27	5,784.27

Fiscal 1991 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		30,016.30
Tax Title	3,992.11	
Collected	10,264.74	
Outstanding 6/30/95	15,759.45	
	30,016.30	30,016.30

Fiscal 1992 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		93,770.84
Tax Title	13,519.67	
Collected	465,641.02	
Outstanding 6/30/95	34,610.15	
	93,770.84	93,770.84

Fiscal 1993 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		243,411.65
Tax Title	15,866.58	
Collected	128,863.44	
Outstanding 6/30/95	98,681.63	
	243,411.65	243,411.65

Fiscal 1994 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/94		348,631.61
Committed for Coll.		2,256,317.09
Refunded		55,229.16
Abated	76,338.56	
Collected	2,249,208.67	
Outstanding 6/30/95	334,630.63	
	2,660,177.86	2,660,177.86

Fiscal 1995 Real Estate Tax

Committed For Coll.	7,997,075.76	
Refunded		30,128.03
Abated	61,483.35	
Collected	7,369,357.02	
Outstanding 6/30/95	596,363.42	
	8,027,203.79	8,027,203.79

Fiscal 1996 Real Estate Tax

Committed For Coll.		4,059,205.07
Collected	17,456.69	
Outstanding 6/30/95	4,041,748.38	
	4,059,205.07	4,059,205.07

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		286.56
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	286.50	
	286.50	286.50

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		330.10
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	330.10	
	330.10	330.10

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		224.42
Collected	12.54	
Outstanding 6/30/95	211.88	
	224.42	224.42

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		270.38
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	270.38	
	270.38	270.38

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		346.69
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	346.69	
	346.90	346.69

Fiscal 1988 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		359.93
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	359.93	
	359.93	359.93

Fiscal 1989 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		502.49
Collected	10.94	
Outstanding 6/30/95	491.55	
	502.49	502.49

Fiscal 1990 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		2,856.67
Collected	66.18	
Outstanding 6/30/95	2,790.49	
	2,856.67	2,856.67

Fiscal 1991 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/945		4,066.51
Collector	863.47	
Outstanding 6/30/95	3,203.04	
	4,066.51	4,066.51

Fiscal 1992 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		7,928.32
Collected	4,530.16	
Outstanding 6/30/95	3,398.16	
	7,928.32	7,928.32

Fiscal 1993 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		19,563.09
Collected	14,156.17	
Outstanding 6/30/95	5,406.92	
	19,563.09	19,563.09

Fiscal 1994 Personal Property

Outstanding 6/30/94		23,188.10
Committed For Coll.		73,191.41
Refunded		2,194.53
Abated	1,004.11	
Collected	86,436.56	
Outstanding 6/30/95	11,133.37	
	98,574.04	98,574.04

Fiscal 1995 Personal Property

Committed For Coll.		223,214.42
Refunded	732.70	
Abated	1,071.09	
Collected	179,284.97	
Outstanding 6/30/95	43,591.06	
	223,947.12	223,947.12

Fiscal 1996 Personal Property

Committed For Coll.		112,429.90
Collected	67.64	
Outstanding 6/30/95	112,362.26	
	112,429.90	112,429.90

1992 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/94		88.40
Collected	88.40	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	88.40	88.40

1993 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/94		85.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	85.00	
	85.00	85.00

1994 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/94		571.20
Collected	408.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	163.20	
	571.20	571.20

1995 Bay Road Betterment

Committed For. Coll.		547.50
Collected	391.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	156.40	
	547.40	547.40

1994 Warren Wright Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/94		909.30
Collected	844.20	
Outstanding 6/30/95	65.10	
	909.30	909.30

1991 Water Lien

Outstanding 6/30/94		25.94
Collected	25.94	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	25.94	25.94

1989 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/94		1.75
Collected	1.75	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	1.75	1.75

1990 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/94		196.48
Collected	196.48	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	196.48	196.48

1991 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/94		216.38
Collected	216.38	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	216.38	216.38

1992 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/94		232.78
Collected	232.78	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	232.78	232.78

1993 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/94		246.72
Collected	246.72	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	246.72	246.72

1992 Sewer Charges (Subs. 1994 Sewer Liens)

Outstanding 6/30/94		7,171.24
Committed Int & Fees		1,144.09
Collected	5,064.06	
Outstanding 6/30/95	3,251.27	
	8,315.33	8,315.33

1993 Sewer Charges (Subs. 1995 Sewer Liens)

Outstanding 6/30/95		18,585.84
Committed Int. & Fees		1,755.52
Collected	12,728.54	
Outstanding 6/30/95	7,612.82	
	20,341.36	20,341.36

1994 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/94		27,853.37
Committed For Coll.	157,386.59	
Abated	487.75	
Collected	161,823.70	
Outstanding 6/30/95	22,928.51	
	185,239.96	185,239.96

1995 Sewer Charges

Committed For Coll.		83,907.94
Abated	509.96	
Collected	53,146.67	
Outstanding 6/30/95	30,251.31	
	83,907.94	83,907.94

1983 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		107.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	107.50	
	107.50	107.50

1984 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		148.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	148.50	
	148.50	148.50

1985 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		115.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	115.50	
	115.50	115.50

1986 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1987 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1988 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		345.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	345.50	
	345.50	345.50

1989 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		174.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	174.50	
	174.50	174.50

1990 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		411.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	411.50	
	411.50	411.50

1991 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		448.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	448.50	
	448.50	448.50

1992 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		292.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	292.50	
	292.50	292.50

1993 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for Collection		2,123.75
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	2,123.75	
	2,123.75	2,123.75

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		3,009.85
Collected	13.75	
Outstanding 6/30/95	2,996.10	
	3,009.85	3,009.85

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		3,343.51
Collected	6.25	
Outstanding 6/30/95	3,337.26	
	3,343.51	3,343.51

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		4,204.72
Collected	53.23	
Outstanding 6/30/95	4,151.49	
	4,204.72	4,204.72

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		3,933.38
Collected	199.48	
Outstanding 6/30/95	3,733.90	
	3,933.38	3,933.38

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		9,369.87
Collected	719.68	
Outstanding 6/30/95	8,650.19	
	9,369.87	9,369.87

1988 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		11,198.90
Abated	21.25	
Collected	1,620.21	
Outstanding 6/30/95	9,557.44	
	11,198.90	11,198.90

1989 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		12,576.06
Collected	1,538.97	
Outstanding 6/30/95	11,037.09	
	12,576.06	12,576.06

1990 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		12,369.94
Abated	78.75	
Collected	1,497.28	
Outstanding 6/30/95	10,793.91	
	12,369.94	12,369.94

1991 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		11,086.07
Collected	1,315.73	
Outstanding 6/30/95	9,770.34	
	11,086.07	11,086.07

1992 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		12,559.49
Committed For Coll.		336.66
Collected	2,773.35	
Outstanding 6/30/95	10,122.80	
	12,896.15	12,896.15

1993 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94	20,925.02	
Committed For Coll.		911.47
Refunded		916.24
Abated	1,154.89	
Collected	9,773.97	
Outstanding 6/30/95	11,823.87	
	22,752.73	22,752.73

1994 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/94		203,798.91
Committed For Coll.		134,928.42
Refunded		5,108.54
Abated	11,371.63	
Collected	300,629.96	
Outstanding 6/30/95	31,834.28	
	343,835.87	343,835.87

1995 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed For Coll.		549,444.79
Refunded		645.08
Abated	8,151.17	
Collected	340,045.41	
Outstanding 6/30/95	201,893.29	
	550,089.87	550,089.87

Ambulance Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/94		✓ 26,715.91
Committed For Coll.		✓ 136,446.13
Refunded		480.80
Abated	24,918.94 ✓	181.27 Feb 95
Collected	100,248.74	299.53 May 95
Outstanding 6/30/95	38,475.16	
	163,642.84	163,642.84

Water Betterment Paid in Advance

Committed For Coll.		577,063.68
Abated	6,680.79	
Collected	118,280.50	
Outstanding 6/30/95	452,102.39	
	577,063.68	577,063.68

Sewer Accounts Receivable

Committed For Collection		8,000.00
Collected	8,000.00	
Outstanding 6/30/95	0.00	
	8,000.00	8,000.00

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/94		21,335.02
Committed For Coll.		102,710.52
Collected	37,805.49	
Outstanding 6/30/95	86,240.05	
	124,045.54	124,045.54

Total Collections During July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Taxes, Liens & Excises	11,127,144.53
Miscellaneous Accounts	264,334.73
Interest & Fees on all Taxes, Liens and Excises	118,681.63
	11,510,160.89

Quarterly Reconciliations & Turnovers	11,245,826.16
Miscellaneous Accounts	264,334.73
	11,510,160.89

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town and Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

STATISTICS

1994 Vital Statistics Received After Filing of Last Year's Report

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Springfield	11	12
Northampton	5	2
	16	14

MARRIAGES

	Male	Female
Resident	1	
Non-Resident		1
	1	1

Married in Belchertown: 1

DEATHS

	Male	Female
	1	
Resident of Belchertown:	1	

Place of Death	NO.
East Otis	1

1995

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Ware	11	5
Holyoke	7	5
Springfield	31	30
Northampton	19	18
Belchertown	1	0
Worcester	1	0
	70	58

MARRIAGES

	Males	Females
Resident	43	43
Non-Resident	15	15
	58	58

Married in Belchertown: 29; Married Out-of-Town: 29

DEATHS

Males —34 Females—36 = 70

Residents of Belchertown	67
Non-Residents	3
	70

Place of Death	NO.
Belchertown	32
Palmer	4
Amherst	4
Ware	6
Springfield	12
Worcester	2
Greenfield	1
Wilbraham	2
East Longmeadow	1
Northampton	4
Holyoke	1
Hampden	1
	70

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$9,823.60	884
Dog Licenses (Gross)	9,491.00	1,406
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,435.00	487
B-M-D Certified Abstracts	256.00	64
Marriage Intentions	590.00	59
UCC & Terminations	1,620.00	183
Pole Orders	220.00	11
Sale of Zoning By-Laws & Subdivision Regulations	945.00	41
Planning Board Fees	2,540.00	47
Board of Appeals Fees	1,315.00	14
Fuel & Gas Registrations	30.00	12
Business Registration	440.00	46
Raffle Permits	60.00	6
Sale of Street Lists	390.00	21
Voter I.D. Cards	120.00	24
Homestead Filings	110.00	11
Parking Citations/Fines	50.00	2
Historic District Filing	75.00	3
Dog Fines/Fees	680.00	66
Gravel Permit	100.00	1
Misc. Sales	89.20	45
	$31,379.80	3,433

Payments To:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	$9,598.50
Town of Belchertown	21,781.30
	$31,379.80

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors annual report for 1995 can be best described as a year of change. The office saw William H. Fitzpatrick, requesting not to be reappointed, and Casimir W. Owczarski and Pauline C. Johnson resigning. The current Board members would like to thank the past Board members for their hard work, dedication, commitment and service to the town and its citizens.

The new appointees to the Board of Assessors are David Kiernan, Michael Forgue, and Janise Fitzpatrick. This Board of Assessors is committed to serving the citizens of Belchertown, and to making the office accessible to all citizens and taxpayers. the office has recently upgraded its computer capabilities with additional hardware and has updated the assessing software to a more "state of the art" design. This will allow further versatility in preparing assessments of properties within the town.

In **FISCAL YEAR 1996** the total taxable **VALUE** of the Town was **$549,837,936.** The amount of **NEW GROWTH** was **$298,157** and by adding our two debt exclusions the total **LEVY LIMIT** was **$9,005,128.** The total amount **VOTED** at all town meetings since the tax rate was set for fiscal year 1995 was **$20,011,675.67.** The amount of **CHERRY SHEET, ESTIMATED RECEIPTS and other REVENUE SOURCES** was **$11,010,828.84.** The amount needed to be **RAISED BY TAXATION** was **$9,000,846.83.** In order to raised those moneys, the **TAX RATE** was set at **$16.37** for **FISCAL YEAR 1996.**

In calendar year 1995 we acted on 174 Clause 18,22,37 and 41C exemptions. We also acted on a total of 238 real estate and personal property abatement applications.

The Board of Assessors recognize and thank the staff for their hard work and dedication. The respect and courtesy given to the public has not gone unnoticed. We compliment them on doing an outstanding job in keeping the work flow progressing during the constantly changing work environment; the tax rate has been set timely.

The Board and staff are again gearing up for a recertification year in Fiscal Year 1997. We will do our best to have a timely billing for the upcoming year.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

David Kiernan, Chairman
Michael Forgue, Vice-Chairman
Janis Fitzpatrick, Clerk

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals received sixteen applications in 1995. There were seven requests for Variances, six for Special Permits, two combination Special Permit and Variance and one Appeal. Fourteen of these applications were granted, the one Appeal was denied and is being further appealed. One application was dismissed because it was determined that no action was required of the Board of Appeals. No applications were carried forward to 1996.

We were happy to welcome Ms. Ramona Hussey as an Associate member to the board.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephan Wurmbrand, Chairman
Michael Roncolato, Clerk
Scott Surner

Associate members:

Sandra Webb
Thomas Shattuck
Ramona Hussey

Planning Board

The Planning Board Office reviews and processes Approval Not Required plans, Certificates of Completion for subdivisions, Site Plan Approvals, Common Drive Special Permits and modifications to these applications. Recommendations on applications to the Board of Appeals were prepared by the Planning Board. Review and coordination with other departments continues.

General

Staff support, through the Planning Office has been provided to:

- — Board of Health Department
- — Board of Selectmen
- — Conservation Commission
- — Department of Public Works
- — Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee
- — Economic Development Industrial Corporation
- — Executive Secretary Office
- — Open Space and Recreation Update Committee
- — Zoning Board of Appeals

and other Town Departments, Boards and Commissions.

Residential Subdivision Activity

Preliminary plans and definitive subdivision processes were reviewed during 1995. The Planning Board reviewed several subdivisions under construction during 1995.

Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were continually reviewed. The Board monitors the progress of 8 subdivisions.

The Planning Board endorsed 33 Approval Not Required (ANR) Plans, and/or revisions to plans.

Several Site Plan applications and decisions were handled throughout the Planning Board.

Regulatory Activity

The Zoning Bylaws were re-worked by an Advisory Committee to the Planning Board, to accommodate businesses which are proposing changes in design or layout, and new business developments. The zoning map was updated from a new street/road list.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- — James Hodgen, chair and Single Signature (Term expires: 2000);
- — Michael Beresky, Vice Chair (Term expires: 1996);
- — Elizabeth Chase, Clerk and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Alternate Representative (Term expires: 1997);
- — Douglas Albertson, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representative (Term expires: 1998);
- — J. Arnold Voehringer, Member (Term expires: 1999);
- — Michael Henry, Alternate Voting Member;
- — Narda Wakoluk, Associate Member.

Personnel

Susan M. Gay is the secretary for the Planning Board Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

James D. Hogden
Chairman, Planning Board

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The BEDIC met regularly and spent the majority of its efforts on furthering development of the former Belchertown State School site into a Comprehensive Senior Citizen Community (CSCC) through the following activities:

- —Drafted and negotiated legislation to be filed with the Commonwealth for transfer of the property. Final draft to be ready early 1996.
- —Secured a sponsor for the project.
- —Determined respective roles in the project for the sponsor, developer/manager, and BEDIC.
- —Tracked progress on the hazardous waste (21E) assessment and remediation.
  Assessment nearing completion.
- —Drafted a request for proposals for a marketing feasibility study to be commenced in early 1996.
- —Met with University of Massachusetts administrators and reached agreement as to their participation in the project.
- —Reached verbal agreements relative to potential location of a court house on the premises.
- —Began process for examining use options for a business park on a portion of the site.
- —Prepared required documents for attaining status of a 501 C 4 (Nonprofit corporation).

The BEDIC remains committed to developing the main campus into a CSCC as soon as possible. The proposed project is large in scope and is complicated by the number of public and private entities involved. The potential income to the Town is considerable and continues to be a motivating factor in maintaining the Board's focus on this reuse.

The Board of Directors of the BEDIC is anxious to have the Town see some concrete evidence of its efforts. We are optimistic that the results of the many hours spent on various facets of this project will become visible in the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Lanphear, Chairman
Arthur Fiorelli, Vice Chairman
Steven McCafferty, Clerk
Robert Brinkman
David Devine
Jay Rossi
William G. Whitlock

County Commissioner

County Commissioner: Bernard R. Kubiak

Cooperative Purchasing saves region $3.8M

The County Cooperative Purchasing Program continues to serve the residents of Hampshire County through formal bidding efforts on behalf of 10 County Departments, 19 Municipalities, 11 School Districts and 47 Human Service Agencies. Now in its 16th year of operation, membership also includes 19 other school districts located throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Worcester County region.

During FY1995, Chief Procurement Officer Anne Moran and her staff of two administered cooperative bids for goods and services in the amount of $7M with a projected savings of $3.8M. The Co-op operates on the principle that buying in bulk generates additional savings over lone bidding efforts while eliminating duplication of administrative work and ensuring compliance with state procurement laws. A "fee for savings" generated $35,786 toward offsetting operating expenses of $101,565. This year's School Furniture Co-op coordinated the purchase of classroom and library furniture for construction projects at the Fairview Veterans Memorial Middle School in Chicopee and the Green River Elementary School in Greenfield.

The Town bought $350,546.00 worth of goods through the County Cooperative, and Belchertown's Schools bought another $87,598.00 worth.

Regional Services delivers surplus equipment, emergency planning, and building inspection.

Trucks, office furniture, tools, snowplows, cars, even a boat trailer, were delivered to Hampshire County communities from federal surplus property. Allowing municipal departments to have needed equipment they could not otherwise afford, and stretching municipal tax dollars for other purposes. Geoff Rogers filled the "wish lists" of many financially strapped municipal departments. For equipment originally worth approximately $500,000, municipalities paid $2,170 in fees to the County and they paid an additional $25,982 to the state, which controls access to the federal screening permit necessary from the County to do this work. The town received a tank truck for the Fire Department for this program.

With a $10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Department worked with the Hampshire County Fire defense Association and a consultant to study regionalization of emergency planning in Hampshire County. The project will help communities work together to comply with the federal mandate of planning for hazardous materials emergencies.

During FY'95 the Department developed a regional building inspection program to enable towns without full-time inspectors to have professional building inspection and zoning enforcement. The program began at the close of FY'95 with two participating communities, Chesterfield and Huntington. The program is supported by a few from each participating town based on the town's population. Towns are encouraged to set permit fees that cover their costs.

Training arranged this year for municipal officials included a workshop on ethics, a municipal law seminar, and a workshop for Franklin and Hampshire County municipal treasurers and tax collectors. The Department again compiled, produced and distributed a wage and salary survey of all municipal officers and employees in the County, and began publishing a County newsletter, Hampshire News. Human Services Department acts on County-wide needs assessment.

The highlight of the year was the cooperative work with agencies across the County addressing the needs identified in last year's county-wide health and human needs assessment. That survey showed that the minority population in the county has increased, overall population growth is occurring in rural areas, and that problems for both individuals and families are increasingly severe and complex. The outcome driven Action Plan focused attention on children and youth, substance abuse, domestic violence, employment, and poverty. As a part of the action Plan, a transportation needs survey was initiated and a school-to-work initiative was launched.

Human Services staff obtains funding for services, works to identify and fill gaps in service, and promotes community leadership for service planning and development. This meant convening, leading, or joining 14 task forces, networks, and coalitions this year. The Department monitored service delivery standards for 38 local agencies with whom the Commissioners have service contracts.

Commissioners reviewed 49 requests from local human service agencies for funding and signed contracts with 38 of those agencies for a total of $149,760. The funding reached 48,275 people in Hampshire County. Agencies reported service to 3049 people (duplicated count) from Belchertown.

The Department brought in grants totaling $169,665 from which $43,680 was distributed in mini-grants for community projects. The grants, from both the state and federal governments, seek to build partnerships to prevent alcohol and drug abuse, build coalitions to make Hampshire County more tobacco free, and make the roads of Hampshire County safer for pedestrians and drivers.

The department serves as a resource, communications, and technical assistance center, and as a liaison between the local community and the state human service system. Director Jan Wood facilitates community-based planning for integrated local human services, and advocates for the County's share of state and federal funding.

Long Term Care Facility evolves to meet new challenges

Until recently, hospitals treated acute medical conditions, and nursing facilities managed chronic conditions. Today, that distinction has blurred. The federal and state government and private insurers have mandated, through the reimbursement process, that appropriate medical care be dispensed in the least costly setting. In light of those circumstances the staff of the L.T.C.F. has embarked on a direction toward a hybrid medical delivery system known as a sub-acute nursing facility.

During the past year, licensed nursing personnel have been certified in IV therapeutics. This allows patients who are transferred from the hospital with the ongoing need for intra-venous or central lines to be medically managed at the L.T.C.F. for a variety of medical conditions. These include antibiotics for a chronic infection, pain medication for the terminally ill, chemotherapy and general hydration.

Additionally, licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists have been added to the staff in development of a very active rehabilitation program. After traumatic injury, stroke or joint replacement, 2 to 4 weeks of intense multi-disciplinary therapeutic intervention enables people to regain functional independence.

The Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility continues to work with Hospice of Hampshire County in the care of the terminally ill, including those with cancer and AIDS. A reputation fro professionalism and empathy continue to make the L.T.C.F. the facility of choice for patients, families and the medical community.

The effectiveness of the staff in meeting the medical, nursing, therapeutic, and social needs of our patients is rated by an inspection process involving several hundred standards measuring that care. In recent inspections, the facility has been deficiency free.

Registry of Deeds modernization in stark contrast to state operations

Registrar Marianne Donohue began plans to modernize the registry when first taking office in 1989. Working with County Commissioners, she selected a complete system and began installation two years ago. After one full year of being on the new computer system, the staff and users of the Registry of Deeds have found the operation of the Registry to be more efficient. The new software has expanded the search criteria for locating documents and has made the search process easier. The recording process has also become more orderly. Optical imaging has proven to be very successful and is widely accepted by all users of the Registry. The office has started generating additional revenues from this new system by charging an annual fee to link remote users to the Registry's database 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A $.50 per minute fee is charged remote users while online with the Registry.

A quasi-judicial function, the Registry is directed by the state-operated Land Court. Instead of leading the way with modernization, the Commonwealth has allowed the Land Court operations to deteriorate to the point where walking into the Land Court is like walking into an office in the early 1900's.

Statics for the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds for the period July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995 show the of deeds recorded were down, with 3,777 deeds recorded, compared with 4,062 for FY'94.

Revenue	**FY'94**	**FY'95**
Registry recordings	$600,558	$443,606
Excise to Commonwealth	$739,964	$655,062
Excise to County	$546,930	$484,177
Total Receipts	$1,887,452	$1,582,845

Property tax appeals down

Property owners who believe their assessments are inaccurate may appeal to either the County Commissioners or the state Appellate Tax Board. If they elect to appeal to the County Commissioners, the municipality is then given thirty days to decide whether it will require the appeal to be heard by the Appellate Tax Board. Although Commissioners have the authority to decide many cases, they often find that better communication between the taxpayer and the town assessor results in an agreement and withdrawal of the appeal. Of seven new appeals filed in FY'94, three were continued to FY'95. Of the three, two resulted in an agreement between the parties and in one the Commissioners upheld the town's assessment. In FY'95 one appeal was filed from the Town of Plainfield and another one from the City of Northampton. Both of these were transferred to the Appellate Tax Board.

The Massachusetts Association of Assessing officers has sponsored legislation that would eliminate the option of asking county Commissioners to hear tax appeals. Since then, County staff has encouraged taxpayers to determine whether the town assessor will allow the appeal to be heard by the Commissioners, before the taxpayer pays the non-refundable $20 filing fee. Taxpayers appealing sometimes risk losing their $20 filing fee rather than risk having the appeals filed late at the Appellate Tax Board.

Treasurer's Office saves money for municipalities

Insurance Trust prepares to stabilize employee health insurance premiums

The Hampshire County Commissioners are trustees for a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance to twenty-eight public employers in Hampshire County. The Trust served approximately 2500 employees and their dependents in FY'95. With over 5000 jointly covered lives, the towns and districts enjoy the benefits and savings realized by belonging to a large group that has a collective premium base of ten million dollars. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems, possible solutions, and explore new ideas.

Insurance Director John Lillis is an employee benefits specialist who manages underwriting the rate setting activity of the Trust, including insurance carrier contract development, benefit analysis, performance incentives, and quality initiatives. The Trust also provides expertise in claim payment reviews and loss projections. During FY'95 a $596,000 rebate from Blue Cross/Blue Shield was distributed to the member units. The town of Belchertown's share was $59,598.00. Town meeting voted to re-appropriate that same amount back to the Trust as start-up funding for a new funding plan to stabilize rates. The insurance business currently placed with Blue Cross and Blue shield will be transferred to an alternative funding program managed by the Trust and supported by reinsurance. Claim administration will be contracted to BC/BS, making the change unnoticeable to employees and the health care providers. The Trust organizes and conducts county-wide, multi-carrier open enrollment meetings for all member units. The insurance director is also available to member units to meet with their employee benefit groups to advise them on voluntary coverage options.

Retirement System: local management ranks high; outperforms state systems

Thirty-seven employer units participate in the Hampshire county Retirement System, with total membership on December 31, 1995, of 3,553 people Fund assets increased $9.4M over the year, from $51,493,723 to $60,876,018. Those assets must pay the retirement benefits owed to past and current employees. Those obligations exceed current assets, and since 1992 Hampshire County has been on a schedule to become "fully funded" by the year 2032, and is now over 52% funded. Higher returns from investments will ultimately reduce the amounts units must meet through appropriations.

The Retirement System is regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employees Retirement Administration (PERA) and managed locally by County Treasurer Harry Chadwick, Council Member Warren White and Elected Member Patrick Brock. Brock was re-elected in December 1995 to his fourth three-year term. Employees of the member units do not pay into Social Security, but instead, accrue benefits in the local system. The Retirement Board and staff pride themselves on personal service to employees and retirees at the local level.

The overall rate of return to the portfolio in 1994 was 19%. Although 1994 was a dismal year for pension systems in Massachusetts (indeed for securities in general), Hampshire County was one of the 27 systems with a positive return. That return ranked the Hampshire County system 26th out of 107 systems statewide. No state-managed pension fund showed a positive return in 1994. Hampshire County also outperformed all state managed systems in the five year average. The markets rebounded significantly in 1995; the PERA report on retirement systems performance, is expected to be published in May or June and should reflect markedly higher rates of return for all systems.

Treasurer's Office processed $23 million

Expenditures and cash on hand processed by the Hampshire County Treasurer's Office during FY'95 totaled $23,026,773, including $7,990,013 in a Public Safety Grant for the Jail and House of Correction, $5,505,331 for the Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility, $2,453,018 in the County General Fund, and a number of smaller accounts such as the Hilltown Resource management Cooperative and grants administered through the Human Services Department.

Receipts and cash on hand processed by the office totaled $23,026,773, including $1,027,822 in Trial Court reimbursements, $7,99,013 from a state Public Safety Grant, $5,227,967 earned income collected at the Long Term Care Facility, and $301,655 from town assessments. The Belchertown paid $24,532.00 as it's assessed share of the County budget. Hampshire County has the lowest County Assessments in the Commonwealth.

The statutorily allowed distribution from the Chapter 193 state deeds excise fund was not received this year, nor was there a compensating supplemental appropriation. Consequently, approximately $900,000 in loans which should have been repaid, were carried over.

A complete report of the FY 95 expenditures and revenues can be obtained from the County.

Commissioners Office

State Trial Court rent falls short...again

Although the operation of the Trial Courts was removed from the counties and taken over by the Commonwealth, they continue to be located in county buildings. Hampshire County provides maintenance and security for the buildings under an agreement in which the state agrees to reimburse the county for 100% of actual costs.

Reimbursement occurs after the costs are incurred and in recent years only about 80% of the recognized costs have been appropriated by the legislature. A planned replacement of the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system was postponed due to lack of funds. Continued postponement will increase the end cost and risk system failure.

Jail and House of Correction continues to move closer to being state operated

Funding for the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction is now appropriated entirely at the state level. The Department of Revenue has instructed counties that no further appropriation is necessary at the local level. Commissioners continue to have a statutory obligation for oversight and conducted two inspections of the Jail and House of Correction this year.

The facility continues to be committed to excellence in terms of standards and conditions and receives high accolades from state official son a variety of annual inspections. Sheriff Garvey is serving his second year as President of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association.

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department has moved forward during 1995 with increased personnel, additional training and grant monies which have enabled the department to improve services, add technical equipment and create additional crime specific enforcement patrols.

While police responses have continued to increase, crime statistics indicate that there has been a significant decrease in most categories. Assaults and burglaries have both decreased as well as larcenies.

Arrests in 1995 remained constant with three hundred fifty seven persons being taken into custody. Fifty six persons were charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol years. This area of concern has decreased dramatically during the past two years, a trend which will hopefully continue.

Although the department has noted a decrease in intoxicated drivers, drug use continues to flourish. Thirty Nine persons were charged with drug offenses. Most people were charged with possession of marijuana, however, evidence of drug use to include crack cocaine and LSD have surfaced. Belchertown Police Department officers continue to work in conjunction with the Hampshire County Drug Task Force to combat this problem.

One Hundred Seventy Eight motor vehicle accidents were investigated. This is a decrease of sixteen accidents from the previous year. Two thousand nine hundred eighty one motor vehicle violations were issued, an increase of seven hundred twenty two from the previous year. On several occasions additional patrols were added to specifically address speed and drunk driving offenders. Grant money from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau enabled us to accomplish this. Additionally video cameras were added to two cruisers via another grant from this agency.

The Departments community policing efforts were utilized in several areas to assist citizens with many public safety related problems. The community policing team initiated in 1995 worked with neighborhood groups, local business and the elderly in an effort to reduce crime and solve problems. Community policing will expand with the addition of bicycle patrols and training for more officers. Although the department has undertaken community policing as a philosophy the initial transition and equipment became available through grants from The Executive Office of Public Safety. The D.A.R.E. Program has continued and through additional grant money an additional officer will be added during the new year.

Through the United States Department of Justice the Belchertown Police Department has funded through the C.O.P.S. fast program for the addition of one officer. Added staffing is a priority as the department intends to improve our services to the community.

Our largest area of concern currently is the need for a new station. Our facility is overcrowded and totally inadequate. The building does not provide space of privacy for interviews, no showers or adequate locker space, insufficient secure evidence areas as well as separate bathroom facilities for male and female employees. While there has been some movement with the state to obtain the nursery one building at the former Belchertown State School, negotiations have been slow. we are determined to move ahead with this project so our employees have a decent place to work and our community has a police station to be proud of.

The Town of Belchertown Ambulance Service has remained a "Call" service through the years. Increased demands have made it necessary to determine what to do with this service. Necessary regulations require continual upgrading and last year alone four hundred thirty eight emergency responses were made by call emergency medical technicians. This is an increase of sixty two calls from 1994. During the year the service will be studied and many options will be discussed after careful cost analysis.

As always the Department is thankful and proud of townwide support. Our continued goal will remain to provide quality service and protection for the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

Fire Department

The Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department's main goal is to provide the best possible protection against the loss of life, property and preserve the environment during the hazardous conditions we encounter. This only becomes possible with the support we receive from the Selectmen, other Town departments, the community and mostly from the Fire Fighters and their families.

In April, the Department took delivery of a 1995 International Rescue Truck. The truck was placed into service and has been working out well. The 1965 Ford Rescue Truck, that served for thirty years, was taken out of service and was acquired by the Town's Maintenance Department.

Assistant Fire Chief David Hodgen retired as of July 1, 1995. His interests and inquisition for the Fire Service has become a never-ending process. Dave's devoted thirty-eight (38) years of service might be surpassed by others, but only a few will ever make the accomplishments he has for his department.

On August 7, the Board of Selectmen, during their meeting, appointed me as full-time Fire Chief. I held the title of Acting Fire Chief for eighteen (18) months prior to the swearing in ceremony.

Although the region experienced a hot summer with little or no precipitation and the State Forestry Department was experiencing wildland fires all around us, we only responded to a few that were contained quickly and within the immediate area.

Other fire related incidents, as a whole, in 1995, were increased by twenty (20) percent from 1994. Structure, chimney and car fires were most of the increases. I expect to see more increases in 1996, due to the public's awareness to carbon monoxide. These types of calls are coming to us on a regular basis.

During October and November, Fire Fighters Scott Cameron and Mike Samson went through the schools teaching the children Fire Education. They did Kindergarten through fourth grade. They also visited the Town's preschool and day care centers.

In November, I accepted delivery of a Ford Explorer for use as a chief's vehicle. This is the second chief's vehicle supplied by the Town. The first and last chief's vehicle was utilized back in the mid 1950s.

I promoted three (3) additional Fire Fighters to the Department. They were members of our Auxiliary Training Program.

In addition to the training the volunteers are required to accomplish each year, they spend many hours at the Fire Station doing basic maintenance to the equipment, as well as the building. But even with utilizing the old Highway Garage, there is not enough room to house all the equipment necessary to meet the growing needs of the community. In addition, the Fire Station is deteriorating more rapidly than we can keep up with. Another year passes and there still is no state funding for a new facility and we are getting by as best we can.

Although we received a new piece of apparatus this year, the Town's first line pumper is now twenty-two (22) years old. This truck, along with our other trucks, are maintained well, but in the future, we will have to update our equipment on a more regular basis to meet the demands and requests for services.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief
Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Chief Captains

- Hugh K. Hubbard
- James D. Hodgen
- Bruce Officer
- Timothy Lofland
- Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants

- Richard Knight
- John Workman

Fire Fighters

- David Gay
- Max W. Bock
- William Shattuck, Jr.
- Erik Gay
- Paul Tierney
- Charles Beaver
- William Chapman
- Michael Samson
- Edward L. Fuller
- Gerard Gould
- Roger McGinnis
- Edward D. Fuller
- Herbert Wood
- Steven Williams
- Paul Salvatore
- Scott Cameron
- Steven T. Hulmes
- Robert Hodgen
- Edwad Knight
- Paul Greene
- Thomas Majerowski
- Leonard Boisjolie

Auxiliary Fire Fighters

- Kevin Scott
- Ray Robinson
- Ronald Beaver

Types of Responses 1995

Total Responses	221
Structure Fires	14
Chimney Fires	13
Vehicle Fires	17
Vehicle Extrications	3
Forest, Brush, Grass	39
In Service Response	13
Investigations	19
Alarm Sounding	77
Mutual Aid	2
Unpermitted Burning	14
CO Detectors	10

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	1,391
Oil Burners	138
Propane Tanks	37
Smoke Detectors	217
Underground Tank Removals	9
Permits to maintain storage	13
Black Powder	1
Blasting	4

Department of Inspection Services

Building Permits

Single dwelling units	75
Two dwelling units	2
Convert to multi-dwelling	1
Multi-Dwelling Units	1
Business/Commercial	1
Industrial	0
Mobile homes	0
Add/alter/repair	187
Sheds/barns/garages	91
Wood/coal stoves/chimneys	49
Public buildings	2
Demolitions	21
Swimming pools	34
Renewals/signs/others	5
Home Occupation Permits	27
Certificates of Inspection	13
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (new buildings)	72
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (alter, additions, sheds)	132
Total Permits Issued	713
Total Revenue	$64,526

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	383
Total Revenue	$17,645

PLUMBING PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	175
Total Revenue	$9,092

GAS PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	77
Total Revenue	$4,045

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Total Permits Issued	20
Total Revenue	$529

ALL DEPARTMENTS

Total Permits	1,348
Total Revenue	$95,837

1995 was a year of continued growth in Belchertown. 75 permits for single family homes were issued as well as numerous permits for additions,remodeling and other forms of home improvement.

The new Vernon Lodge Building has begun to take shape as a reminder of a historical past. The "Club 21 Grill" is now open, while the new elementary school nears completion of all three roofs. We hope that commercial growth begins to take off in Belchertown.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures, I tested, inspected and sealed various measuring devices, scales and fuel pump meters to help ensure that consumers get exactly what they pay for - whether it be in pounds, gallons, or otherwise.

All inspectors were busy once again this year. As Inspector of Buildings, I logged 816 inspections, covering 6,219 miles. The Wiring Inspector and his assistant performed 622 inspections, traveling 3,584 miles. The Plumbing & Gas Inspector recorded 493 inspections, driving 5,254 miles.

As Chairman of the American With Disabilities Act Committee, I am happy to report that the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for town owned buildings is complete and on file. We shall begin implementation of these plans as soon as possible.

As always, the faithful service and assistance of Cheryl Bishop and Susan Gay, as the Inspection Service and Planning Technicians, has kept the formidable task of paperwork and public service flowing smoothly.

We look forward to 1996!

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Holmes
Director of Inspection Services

Belchertown Public Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

I am proud to report that substantial progress has been and continues to be made in building the foundation for a new state of excellence for the Belchertown Public Schools.

At the state level, the enactment of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 was both the end of a difficult process of consensus building, and the beginning of a much longer process of sustained commitment to improving student learning, teacher professionalism, school management and equity of funding. While the majority of the Act's impact will take a decade or longer to be fully felt, much has been accomplished over the past few years.

At the local level, a number of school system initiatives and projects are underway that are designed to create a comprehensive system to improve student learning. Highlights of those efforts include:

- Completion of a new 700-student elementary school.
- The formation of a high school building committee.
- Developing a framework of system-wide educational goals.
- Implementing a system-wide school volunteer program.
- Increasing the authority of School Councils to assist principals.
- Providing meaningful professional development activities to staff.
- Improving the quality of teacher-parent communication.
- Coordinating the efforts of curriculum review committees.
- Implementation of comprehensive health education programs.
- Establishment of new standards that ensure high achievement.
- Administering a fair and equitable system of school finance.
- Developing a comprehensive 5-year technology implementation plan.

As of this writing and according to census information, during the period 1990-1995, the Town of Belchertown experienced the largest population increase of all communities within the Hampshire County.

As a result of this growth, our town and its's school system will continue to be challenged to provide quality educational programs and services to our students and young adults. Our success in this effort, as was the case in 1995, will depend on all of us continuing to work together.

Richard White Chair,

Belchertown School Committee

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Again this year, we grew. Our official count is 2,264 students and we show a steady growth of 4% per year. That figure is the equivalent to four new classrooms per year. With community support, we have met this challenge and, yet, we have kept a small school district attitude. I feel very good about that. We still know our students as individuals.

The new elementary school has made outstanding progress and, if all goes well, we will enter the school in late June of 1996. This project is exciting and is symbolic of being in a growing community. This excitement is felt by all in the School Department. In a community such as ours, with a young population, a positive outlook and interest in our future is generated.

Belchertown is a community that offers a high quality of life. A goodly portion of that life is the quality of the schools. "Thanks" to a community that cares, we have kept the standard of our schools on a high level.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Elementary School Council and elementary staff spent much of 1995 planning the reorganization of the elementary school structure including the addition of grade five to the elementary level in anticipation of the opening of the new elementary school in September, 1996. In addition the School Council revised the Elementary Parent Handbook and in cooperation with the elementary staff adopted a new social studies program published by Houghton-Mifflin.

The staff continued the process of coordinating and enhancing existing curricula through committees organized by Associate Superintendent Dick Pazasis. Mr. Pazasis also revamped the Professional Development Program to Assist staff in their recertification efforts as outlined by the Educational Reform Act. Maria Scudere was hired to fill the position of volunteer coordinator and began the development of a K-12 volunteer program.

In March, grade 4 students attended a three day experience at Nature's Classroom in Ivoryton, Connecticut. This trip, which provides student with the opportunity to study nature at an ocean location, again proved to be a valuable experience. A similar trip is planned for this Spring.

With the reorganization of the elementary schools into a primary K-2 level and a grade 3-5 level in the new elementary school an additional Elementary School Council will be required. The Belchertown P.T.O. encourages interested parents to consider running in an election to be held this Spring. Current Elementary School council members include Jeanne White; Parent Representative and Co-chairperson, Barbara Weiss; Parent Representative, Judy Battista; Parent Representative, Dianne Magee; Community Representative, Eileen Austiin; Staff Representative, Marnie Henneman; Staff Representative, and Gary Millett; Principal and Co-chairperson.

CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School population growth was again a key factor in the day to day routine of Chestnut Hill this year. As we watched the progress of the New Elementary School rising to our east we prepared for a year in which some grade five students would be housed for part of their day at Meadow School and the Library would be divided to allow additional teaching spaces. Additional staffing in the exploratory subjects allowed for greater involvement by the younger students in Physical Education, Woodshop, Home Economics and Health.

Schedule adjustments were minimal to allow for 990 hours of academic time as recommended by the state. Combining lunch and recess has allowed for more relaxed student lunches and a less hectic schedule for the students.

The grade six career exploration continued with guest speakers, discussions, and careers relative to student interest. For each career area required, skills and abilities were reviewed. Grade seven and eight students continue to assist the students in grades five and six as peer tutors.

For the third consecutive year students at Chestnut Hill have participated in the American Junior High Mathematics Competition. Over 2000,000 students from 3,000 schools across the Nation participate. Our school will be receiving a participation plaque engraved with this year's winners.

In addition nine of our seventh graders qualified to participate in the Annual John Hopkins Talent Search for Academically Talented Youth. These students scored at or above the 97th percentile on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and will be taking the Scholastic Aptitude Tests in December or January.

The Band enjoyed an especially successful year. For the first time we took part in the 1995 Concert Festival sponsored by the Massachusetts Instrumental Conductor's Association. We were evaluated by nationally known adjudicators and received a silver medal demonstrating an excellent rating. Participation in the Western District Music Festival, Quabbin Valley Music Educators Concert, School Concerts and Town Parades was strong and well received by the community Thank you again for your continued support.

Student Council activities included special spirit days, an excellent Holiday Food Drive, Halloween Costume Contests, two school dances, fund-raisers, and assistance with Belchertown's first Technology Fair. Two annual fund-raisers assist the school by providing assistance with field trips and excellent school assemblies.

We were especially honored to receive an award with recognition fro m the State Department for the outstanding success of our 1995 Diversity Day Program. This program was designed to combat all forms of prejudice and to support cultural and physical differences. This program has received a grant and will be offered again this year.

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

During 1996 Belchertown High School experienced increases in both the size of the student body and the programs being offered High school enrollment exceeded 500 students and course offerings in World Languages were expanded to include the study of Latin for the first time in several years. In addition, a Learning Skills Program was instituted in a new room that houses fourteen computers, as well as, support staff to assist students.

Participation in interscholastic athletics increased by 47 students, bringing the total to 229. The athletic program witnessed the addition of both boys and girls volleyball and the resurgence of the girls cross-country program. Championships were garnered in both golf and girls swimming.

The academic and athletic programs were complemented by the traditionally strong extracurricular offerings. The band continued its outstanding tradition of excellence. The Student Council and Humanities Clubs worked quietly and effectively for the betterment of the entire community.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

As of December 1, 1995, there were 320 special needs students in the Belchertown Public School System, Ninety-two percent of these students were serviced through programs provided within the district. These in-district programs include resource rooms art each level; elementary, middle school and high school. In addition to the seven resource rooms, there is an Early Childhool Program and an Early Childhood Language Program. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages of 3 - 22 years inclusive. Therapeutic programs include; speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Adaptive Physical Education Therapy, With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator Specialist several students who would otherwise be placed in out-of district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

This year we implemented the Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School. This program is a cooperative venture between regular education and special education which addresses the long the short term needs of students requiring academic support. Special Education staff members, in conjunction with their regular education colleagues, provide academic support and guidance to students requiring such assistance.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality special education programs provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication of expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

Pathfinder District Vocational Technical High School District

ANNUAL REPORT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The year was highlighted by the admission of the town of Granby as the District's sixth member on one hand, but frustrated by the protracted budget debate on the other. Once again, the frequency and thoroughness of the response to education reform occupied the major portion of the Committee's time and efforts.

Although there were no committee seats at issue in the November election, Dr. Ronald J. Laviolette, of Palmer, resigned his position as of December 31st, thereby creating a vacancy that will ultimately be filled by a joint meeting of the Palmer Board of Selectmen and the Palmer School Committee. The committee welcomed Gary Connaughton, of Granby, who was appointed to serve until the next general election as well as Randy Pelletier, the new student representative.

The School Council continued to meet on a monthly basis and provide advice to the school committee on several topics. New parent members this year included Mr. Gregory Dill and Mrs. Paula Crowther. Representing the faculty was Mr. David Koziol; representing the student body were Melissa Befford and Russell Yonika.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre reported that several curriculum initiatives were implemented over the past year to respond to education reform mandates:

- Pathfinder is currently in compliance with the Time and Learning Regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education for 1995-96.
- The Curriculum Committee has continued to review and modify course content and course offerings.
- Pilot courses in ninth grade mathematics and science were introduced as a component of "general track" elimination.
- One of two related theory course periods was moved from the academic week into the vocational week in order to provide more time for additional academic offerings, thereby allowing more flexibility for mathematics and English instruction.
- A computer-based writing laboratory was created to provide additional opportunities for students to improve their skills by utilizing state-of-the-art technology and software.
- Spanish has become a popular elective offering and is now available in eight sections spanning all grade levels.

Outside activities and off-campus projects continue to comprise a major portion of the curriculum for upper class students. The carpentry, electrical, and heating/air conditioning students completed the sixteenth house in the school's history. The structure included several unusual educational opportunities for these young craftsmen, including multizone forced hot air/hot water system, truss floor system and turret roof.

During the fall of 1995, Pathfinder approached the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce with the proposal to build a house for that agency to serve both as a fundraiser for the Chamber and a closer link with business and industry for the school. To date the project has met all expectations and has resulted in exceptionally positive exposure for the school and its students.

Students from carpentry, heating/air conditioning, and agriculture are currently involved in a project at the State Police Adademy in New Braintree, and each of these departments responded to a number of smaller requests from various sites around the District. In each case, the educational merit of the project determined the nature of the response.

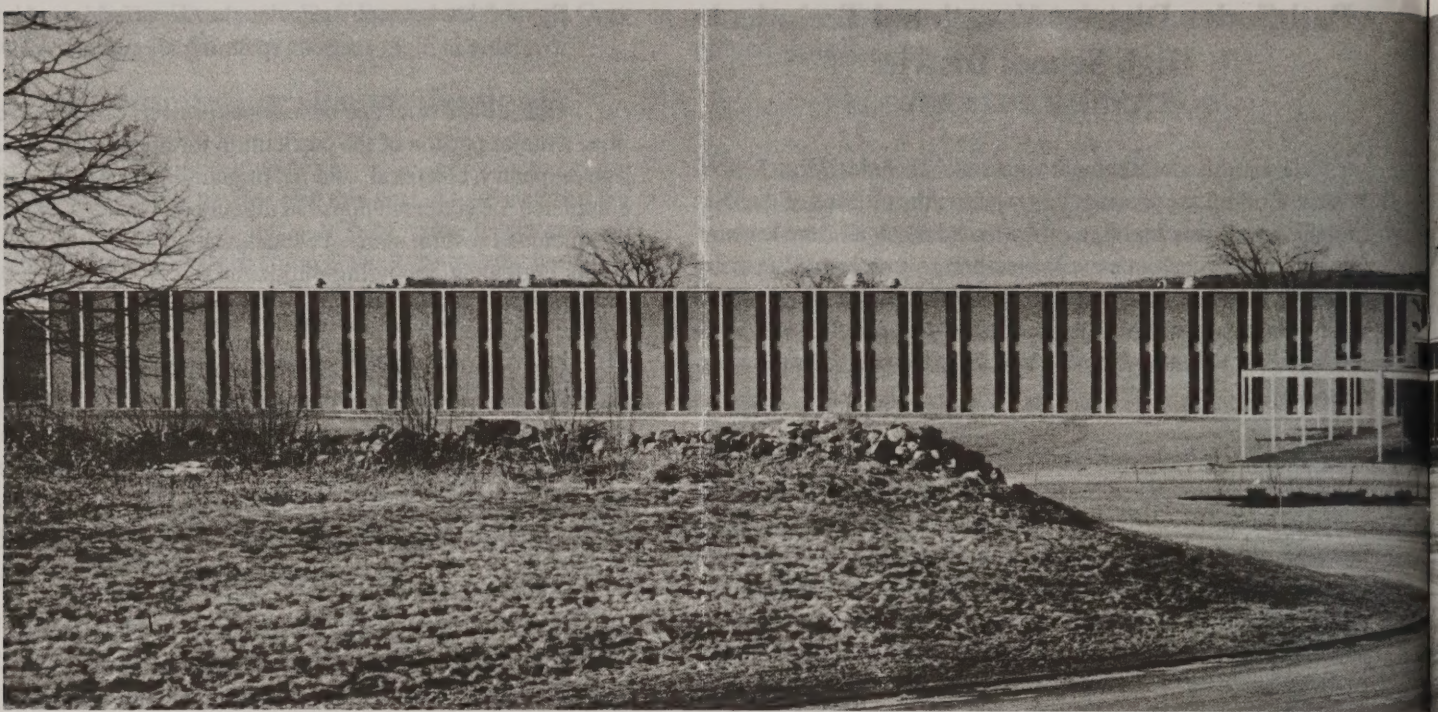
STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 636 students. Once again this year there was a keen interest in Pathfinder as the guidance office processed 365 applications. Due to the overwhelming number of applications, a lengthy waiting list in grades 9,10, and 11 was in place for the second consecutive year.

The breakdown of the October 1st enrollment included: Belchertown 83, Granby 22, Monson 99, New Braintree 11, Palmer 112, and Ware 101. Out-of-district students accounted for the remaining 208 pupils.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that of the 365 applications which were received for the 1995-96 school year, 275 were for grade 9, 60 for grade 10 and 30 for grade 11. Pathfinder was able to accommodate a few transfer students at the beginning of the school year for upper class openings. However, a low drop-out rate and a record number of applications for grade 9 has allowed for fewer and fewer transfers over the years.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new and returning members in May. The ceremony was very well attended by parents and friends of the inductees, faculty, administration and school committee members. This year, Renaissance Program award winners who have shown potential for Honor Society induction were special guests. The featured speaker was 1985 Pathfinder graduate Father John Lessard.



BELCHERTOWN JUNI

Ground Breaking Program—July 21, 1963

The new Junior-Senior High School is constructed on a twenty-nine acre site. The total cost of the building including equipment is 1.2 million dollars. The maximum capacity is for 650 students. The present enrollment is 430.

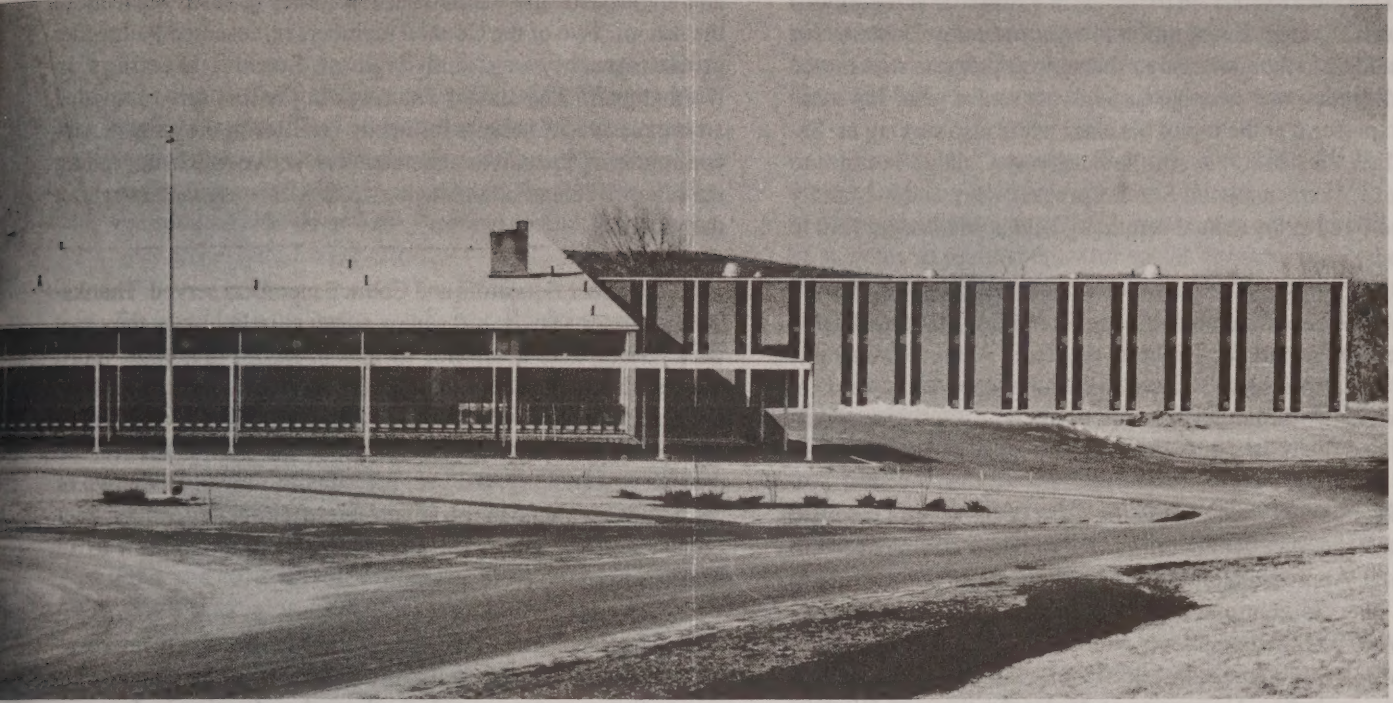
Included in the building are the following facilities:

Nineteen general classrooms used by both Junior and Senior high students for Mathematics, Social Studies, English, Languages; three modern science laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics, and two well-equipped junior high science rooms; three business rooms for typing, business machines and bookkeeping. The typing room contains thirty typewriters of which fifteen are electric. It also contains special transcribing and dictating equipment. The business machines room contains calculators, adding machines and a bookkeeping machine.

A language department which includes a laboratory with thirty individual student booths electronically equipped so that each student may listen, record, and respond.

A library with a seating capacity for thirty-two students and shelving space for 10,000 volumes. Approximately twenty-five hundred have already been purchased and are available for student use.

BELCHERTOWN
CELEBRATE



NIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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A gymnasium with a seating capacity of 826, a dividing partition, self-contained public address system, and adjoining locker room facilities for boys and girls.

A household arts room which has separate facilities for sewing and cooking. The cooking area contains four separate well-equipped kitchenettes and the sewing area contains 12 sewing machines, a dressing area, and ample storage for individual projects.

An industrial arts room with facilities for both wood and metal work.

A music-assembly room with a seating capacity of 350, a nicely appointed platform and a self-contained public address system.

A cafeteria which will accommodate up to 220 with a well-equipped kitchen adjoining.

An administrative area with a private office for the principal and complete intercommunications with all areas of the building; a guidance room with private counselling areas, and a well-equipped health room.

Adjoining the building are athletic fields for baseball, softball, girl's field hockey, soccer, and football.

IGH SCHOOL
30 YEARS

This year's selection to represent Pathfinder at the Annual Vocational Student Recognition Program was Jay Demore. Jay was a student in the Automotive Technology program who earned a 3.725 grade point average through his senior year. Jay managed to perform at the top of his class while also serving as Senior Class President. He enrolled at Unity College in order to pursue the Environmental Studies program. Jay and his family were honored at the annual ceremony held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

At the academic awards banquet in May, Matthew Dudek received the award for Highest Academic Achievement for a senior. He also received numerous scholarships and awards at commencement. Matthew elected to attend Sacred Heart University and major in sports medicine.

In June 1995 the graduating class of 97 seniors received diplomas and vocational certificates at indoor commencement exercises. Approximately 65% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive impact on Pathfinder graduates, and several schools—including University of Massachusetts and Western New England College—have begun initial steps to articulate with the seniors.

A growing number of Pathfinder graduates have begun to show interest in and gain admission to four-year programs at institutions such as the University of Massachusetts, North Adams State, Sacred Heart University, Springfield College, Western New England and Westfield State. Scholarship chairman Mark Condon was proud to present approximately $15,000 in scholarships to members of the senior class. Local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and effort of the Pathfinder graduates. The school annually thanks those who have continued to generously support the scholarship fund and invites new interested parties who have expressed a desire to institute scholarships in 1996.

Pathfinder is also very proud to note that currently two seniors—Mark Musiak (Electronics) from Ludlow and Michael Wagner (Electricity) from Belchertown—are participating in Dual Enrollment. This program, which is sponsored by the Executive Office of Education, allows Grade 12 students to complete their senior year of high school at one of the state colleges. Mark and Michael are both completing their Pathfinder requirements while attending Holyoke Community College full time. They are earning freshman college credit in the Engineering Program and will graduate from Pathfinder in the spring. Tuition for participants in this program is underwritten by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Pathfinder Student Council had an active year. In February of 1995, they initiated the "Adopt a Highway" program and enthusiastically maintained four miles of roads adjacent to the school. Two of the Council members represented Pathfinder at the monthly regional Student Council meetings in Northampton. The annual Thanksgiving basket drive provided an impressive 25 baskets for needy families in the area. A subcommittee of Council members took an active role in upgrading the school's cafeteria, and their efforts will continue throughout the year.

The Peer Educators and Council members served Thanksgiving dinner to over 150 senior citizens. In February they met with an outreach counselor to update health materials. April marked the annual field trip to Old Mill Pond School and the second graders presented their "healthy bodies" program. In December, the second graders returned the visit and discussed drug abuse, smoking, and peer pressure. In May of 1995, two of the educators attended the annual Westfield State College Peer Educators Conference. The Peer Educator program grew to 13 students from the previous eight.

The Renaissance Program continued to document improvement by students in several areas of school achievement. This recognition program awarded - through a drawing in June - a television, stereo system, and CD players to students with a 3.0 to 4.0 G.P.A. Likewise, it awarded savings bonds and cassette players to students with perfect attendance and improved grades.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the growth of the athletic program as well as the success of four teams which qualified for Western Massachusetts Athletic Tournaments. He reported Pathfinder's strongest year in its history with the following highlights:

- Interscholastic golf was played at the varsity level for the first time.
- The football program become a reality with an independent schedule in the fall of 1995. Over 60 boys tried out for the team with 38 completing the season. Four junior varsity games were also played.
- The boys' soccer team finished third in their league—their strongest finish in history—thereby qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- The girls' soccer team posted a winning record of 6-5-4 in their second season and also qualified for the tournament. Carolyn Coache was named TV-22 "Athlete of the Week" in soccer, recognizing her five goal game versus Putnam.
- Girls' varsity basketball qualified for the Western Massachusetts tournament.
- The varsity baseball team narrowly missed post season play, but with seven starters returning has high expectations for 1996. The junior varsity baseball team was unde-

feated in league play.

- The girls' softball team won the Tri-county League championship for the first time and qualified for Western Massachusetts play. They advanced to win the first ever tournament game by a Pathfinder team, defeating Franklin Tech in the first round. They competed in the Western Massachusetts semifinals at Szot Park and lost to Monson in a very close, hard fought effort.

- Seniors Matthew Dudek and Kristin Banford were named "Outstanding Senior Athletes" at the athletic awards program in June.

- Pathfinder had more student athletes than ever before named to the Springfield Republican's All-Western Massachusetts teams.

- Golf and football will be aligned in the PVIAC Leagues for the upcoming 1996-1997 seasons.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to eligible students in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction at Pathfinder (MVIP) Program. Services were provided to approximately 257 students in each prototype, depending upon the percentage of time spent in those services. Home and hospital instruction was provided to four students.

Approximately 282 TEAM meetings were scheduled throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and reevaluations. These TEAM meetings were conducted by both the IEP Planner/Liason and the TEAM Teacher for the MVIP Program. These two positions provide support for the teachers in the special education programs along with teachers in regular classrooms. With the new federal requirements for transitioning special education students into work or other placements, these positions are invaluable to this Department. Parent and student contacts are also maintained by these staff members.

The school committee continues to provide support for a dedicated special education staff. There are presently seventeen professional staff members who are supported with local funds. The Department has increased its paraprofessional staff by one in order to meet the needs of students in the MVIP program. It should be noted that Pathfinder reduced the number of teacher aides by two positions due to the loss of Chapter I funding. Discussions with the Department of Education indicate Pathfinder will no longer be eligible for Chapter I funding as a result of revised federal guidelines.

The MVIP Program again operated at capacity with a waiting list of students who have applied for admission. Pathfinder's school-to-work counselor has assisted in obtaining on-site job placements in area businesses for our MVIP students. Presently Mary Lane Hospital has accepted one of our students and Amherst Nursing Home has expressed an interest in accepting others.

Speech and language services were provided to 62 students of varying academic abilities. The speech pathologist has been conducting language development classes with small groups of students to assist them with social interaction. She has also been working in the resource room to develop more expressive language skills for special needs students.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of approximately 83 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self-control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home, school, community, and legal problems. The adjustment counselor continues to attend in-service programs on topics outlined above in order to better service the students at Pathfinder.

Other services available to Pathfinder students through the Special Education Department include occupational therapy and adaptive physical education.

Pathfinder also operated an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142, Perkins monies and Department of Youth Services funds. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school, with an expectation of greater success.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

During the past year, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

- **P.L. 94-142 Special Education.** Resources were provided for all special education students attending the day program and included personal care attendant, supplies, consultants for evaluation, an afternoon program, and expenses related to the operation of a wheelchair van.

- **Media Enhancement.** Funds were available for updating the Newsbank Information Network in the school library. This newsbank is used by all students for research and other projects assigned by their instructors.

- **Health Protection.** The funds assigned to Pathfinder this year were used to purchase contractual services of two professionals in this field. A small portion was put aside for supplies and conferences.

- **Drug Free Schools.** Pathfinder received a limited allocation which was used to enable two staff members to develop a program involving anti-drinking and anti-drug themes. They used a group of our high school students who in turn visited in-district elementary schools with their program.

- **Vocational Shop Enhancement.** Funds were received as an entitlement under the Perkins Act for special populations within the school. This past year the funds purchased a handicapped van which enabled a number of students to be more comfortably transported.
- **Department of Youth Services.** The Department supported a year long program at Pathfinder which consisted of an afternoon program where students rotated between four shops during the school year. In addition, DYS supported a similar intensive summer program.
- **Education Reform.** These funds allowed Pathfinder to continue to maintain study groups which reviewed the current course offerings in light of the Curriculum Frameworks recently adopted by the State Board of Education.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committe wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activites which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pathfinder staff assumed a leadership role in developing a local partnership under the federally funded School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The partnership was successful in securing an initial plannning grant of $50,000 and, utilizing those monies, developed a more comprehensive proposal for additional funding over the next three years.

A dedicated committee of representatives of business and education in our local communities has been working to create an integrated approach to unit schools and businesses into a system which will provide school-based and work-based educational opportunities. Efforts to include curriculum modification, schedule coordination, articulation with post-secondary insittutions, and teacher training will be an integral part of the plan. Work-based experiences will involve cooperative education, mentoring, apprenticeships and job-shadowing.

Plans are underway to create a K-life series of steps within the school-to-work initiative which will include career exploration at the elementary level, specific career investigation in middle school years, and a culminating placement at the appropriate school or option at the ninth grade level. The ultimate goal will be a more secure placement by a better informed student with a more specific career plan.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. Seventy-five youngesters betwen the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two 10-day sessions. Each child took part in two career areas, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer assisted drafting, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

Seventy-three youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the first semester of 1995-96. The program operated two days per week and included six career areas: carpentry, cosmetology, computers. CAD, culinary arts, and electronics.

The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder's Evening School ran two sessions, enrolling more than 250 adults. Most popular offerings were again the various computer classes. Pathfinder cooperated with the Quaboag Chamber of Commerce to run several sessions of computer training for local businesses. Additionally, Pierson Industries has contracted with the school to offer several lengthy training sessions in Microsoft Office. As a professional courtesy. Pathfinder Evening School provided, at cost, training in Microsoft Office for staff members in the Granby Public Schools.

Economically, Evening School, after paying all expenses, realized a modest profit and was able to purchase a site license and software for QuickBooks (the state-of-the-art small business accounting package) which will enhance the day program offerings. The school plans to encourage more efforts to assist with industry-specific training through the Evening School in the future.

Summer school offerings this year included U.S. History, English, Language Arts, Geometry, Algebra I & II, General math, Life Science, Earth Science, Chemistry, Biology and Physical Education. Teachers utilized the IDEAL learning lab and other educational computer software packages as supplementary learning tools to the traditional classroom curricula. Students also had the opportunity to make-up a failing grade in Shop Related Class by attending a Summer Related Class Workshop. The 136 students who enrolled in summer school came from Pathfinder, Palmer, Belchertown, Ware, Monson, Deerfield Academy, Springfield Technical Community College, Wilbraham and Monson Academy, Minneachaug, Quabbin Regional, Granby and Ludlow.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The school committee is justifiably proud of the quality and stability of its teaching staff, many of whom has been with Pathfinder for 20 years or more. During 1995, long-time Special Education Teachers Phyllis Graham and Alfred Magee and Drafting Instructor Richard Belliveau retired; their years of service were gratefully acknowledged by the committee. In addition to filling those positions, the administration selected promising candidates for positions in physics, business education, and Spanish. Toward the end of 1995, the committee was saddened by the untimely passing of Teacher Aide Teresa Valois.

Currently the staff includes 30 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, and 9 teacher aides. Five administrators - two of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of the National Council of Local Administrators. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist is also currently one of the 3 members from Massachusetts on the Commission for Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He was also appointed by the Commissioner of Education to the Special Study Commission to recommend ways to improve vocational education in the Commonwealth over the next several years.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Clearly, Fiscal 1996 budget development was by far the most confusing and most frustrating in the history of Pathfinder. Initially, the school committee adopted a budget of $6,534,954.. Of this amount, the sum of $5,601,258 was for foundation purposes. The district received $1,750,229 in Chapter 70 funds, $198,278 in regional school transportation reimbursement, $368,672 in School Building Assistance, leaving a remainder of $2,256,329 to be raised through assessments to the member communities and tuition income.

Preliminary figures released by the Department of Education specified the minimum contribution expected from each municipality as well as the portion of state aid allocated to it. However, for the first time, the issue of "excess debt" became a factor and effectively penalized the district a total of $151,523 because member towns were permitted to reduce their minimum contribution by their share of that debt. The committee subsequently approved assessments based on these data and attempted to persuade town officials not to take the excess debt option.

Officials in Belchertown and Ware declined to support that request, and town meetings in those two communities ultimately voted against the budget, thereby recommitting it to the school committee for further action. Palmer, Monson, and New Braintree, however, did allow the district to retain the "excess debt" amount, and a compromise budget was developed for adoption on July 5, 1995. Updated, official minimum contribution figures for all towns were utilized in this version. That budget—ultimately approved — resulted in assessments to the member towns as follows:

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 1995-96

Town	Minimum Contribution	Add'nl Cont.	Transportation	Share of other	Share of Bond Issue	Total
Belchertown	394,885	17,489	30,110	5,540	52,145	500,168
Monson	476,298	18,754	32,286	5,940	34,369	567,647
New Braintree	35,169	1,896	3,265	601	4,438	45,369
Palmer	436,376	21,915	37,728	6,941	51,849	554,809
Ware	485,163	22,758	39,179	7,208	34,027	588,336
Total	1,827,891	82,812	142,568	26,230	176,828	2,256,329

In addition, the town of Granby was treated as a member town for budget purposes and its town meetings approved an amount of $204,808 in the Granby Public Schools budget for Pathfinder. That sum, however, was legally designated as "tuition income" for FY96 because Granby had not yet officially voted on membership.

ADMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GRANBY

The school committee wishes to extend a warm welcome to the town of Granby which voted to become Pathfinder's sixth member town on June 10, 1995. The committee applauded the commitment of the Granby School Committee and the administration of the Granby Public Schools for an extraordinary effort to provide additional opportunities for the young people from their town.

The admission of Granby received votes of approval in Palmer, Monson, Ware and New Braintree and was certified as a new member town by the Commissioner of Education as of July 1, 1995.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance and governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the district, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in all of our six communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
David H. Squires, Belchertown
Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
Ronald J. Laviolette, Palmer
Ford P. Ray, Ware
Randy Pelletier, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Department of Public Works

The year of 1995 will be remembered as a year of transition, improvement and production at the Department of Public Works. Recently celebrating its second year in existence, this Department excelled in its desire to serve the residents and visitors of Belchertown.

As conditions of the Department's implementation process specified, the administrative and operational requirements of all Belchertown cemeteries were transferred to us on December 4, 1995. This action now completes the implementation process that set the ground work for this Department some five years ago. It is with great confidence I say, the tax payers of Belchertown will benefit for years to come as a result of the Board of Selectmen's decision to create a Department of Public Works.

As we review the challenges and demands that this Department faced in the past year, we almost need to prioritize them. Those being routine, those being somewhat difficult and those being near impossible. It is those issues being somewhat difficult and near impossible that motivate this Department. It is also those issues that produce the greatest reward, satisfaction and public approval.

Below I have outlined some of the accomplishments each of our Divisions made this past year, and in some cases, where we see them heading in 1996. Please review our progress and if you had a particular concern we failed to address, please call us at (323-0415), we'd love to hear from you.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

I guess a good starting point for this group would be with the Winter. Unlike the previous year where we plowed a total of 16 snowstorms totaling 88 inches, this past winter produced only plowable storms. In place of the snow, came freezing rain and ice. In total, 12 of these events came to Belchertown making driving conditions near impossible at times for the public and our vehicles as well. Treating these ice-covered roads is very dangerous and time consuming for our drivers.

After the usual Spring outbreak of potholes passed, we shifted gears and returned to our drainage and pavement work from the previous season.

In total, 26,180 feet of highway was resurfaced with bituminous concrete. Those areas affected were:

• Sabin Street	5,280 feet
• Jensen Road	1,800 feet
• Munsell street	2,900 feet
• Orchard Street	1,400 feet
• Howard Street	2,100 feet
• No. Liberty Street	7,000 feet
• Turkey Hill Road	4,500 feet
• Franklin Street	1,200 feet

In addition to those areas receiving bituminous concrete, the following locations were resurfaced with stone and oil:

• Country Lane	800 feet
• Metacomet Circle	500 feet
• Old Farm Road & Circle	2,400 feet
• Summit Street	3,550 feet
• Sabin Street	10,000 feet

Drainage improvements were completed in the following locations:

• No. Liberty Street	40 feet/36 inch culvert
• Munsell Road	7 culverts/various sizes
• Gold Street	40 feet/36 inch culvert
• Jensen Road	4 culverts/various sizes
• Shaw Street	1 culvert
• Bardwell Street	1 catch basin and piping
• Maple Street	1 catch basin and piping

Galvanized steel guardrails were installed in the following locations:

• Barton Avenue	400 feet
• Gulf Road	130 feet
• George Hannum Street	260 feet
• South Street	1,150 feet

And, the Highway Department was involved with or responsible for the following:

- Construction of an ADA ramp at the Old Town Hall
- Construction of an 1,800 square feet addition to our Maintenance Department's building.
- Construction of a 24'X24' garage at our Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Installation of 1,200 feet of sidewalk from Stadler Street to Chestnut Hill Community School.

New Equipment to the Division in 1995 includes:

- 1 - 1983 Elgin Road Sweeper
- 1 - 1996 "Cat" 928 Bucket Loader
- 1 - 1996 "Cat" 426 Loader Backhoe
- 1 - 1995 Ford 1/2 Ton 4 X 4 Pick Up

All of this equipment was badly needed and will expand the capabilities of this Division. I would also mention the "Cat" loader and loader backhoe were purchased with funds from our State "Chapter 90" money resulting in no cost to the Town of Belchertown.

As we continue to mop up storm after storm this new year, I anticipate another productive season for this Division. The Spring rains are sure to bring back the pot holes and the cycle will repeat itself.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL

To date, the greatest amount of activity in this area continues to be removals. Large quantities of Eastern White Ash Trees continue to become victims of a blight making its way around the North East. In the future I am hopeful we will be better positioned to implement a structured maintenance and replacement program in this Division.

TRANSFER STATION - RECYCLING CENTER

Our Transfer Station - Recycling Center is used by approximately 50% of Belchertown's households. For those persons not acquainted with our facility, participation is voluntary and fees are applied. A full description of our service and fee schedule is available at the Selectmen's Office or Department of Public Works Office.

We are proud of our programs depth and encourage anyone not currently using this service to check our prices and compare our service. During 1995, those residents of Belchertown using this facility disposed of 592 tons of solid waste and recycled the following materials:

1. 260 tons, mixed paper
2. 100 tons, cardboard
3. 94 tons, tin & glass
4. 6 tons, tires
5. 15 tons, plastic
6. 14 tons, scrap metal
7. 185 tons, yard waste
8. 13 tons, used oil

In addition to those materials, we again offered all Town residents the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste. A very successful event was held in June at the Department of Public Works yard with slightly over 100 residents participating. We hope to offer this service again in 1996.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

The Wastewater Division is responsible for the operation of our Wastewater Treatment Facility and respective collection system. Due to the age of this facility and ever increasing environmental regulations, we are faced with major non-compliance issues at this location. As we in this Department, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Study Committee and our consulting engineers continue to seek solutions to our problems, we continue to face setbacks at the hands of our very own government.

Federal worker furloughs, re-organizing of agencies, new permitting issues and loss of funding has made progress on a major renovation to this facility all but equal to that of a snails pace. In spite of the lack of progress on our renovation, I would like to focus our attention to the employees of this facility momentarily. These individuals strive to protect the interest of the Town of Belchertown and its residents seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, more often then not, going unnoticed indefinitely. Steve, Terry and Rich, thanks for a job well done.

MAINTENANCE DIVISION

It would be impossible to describe the responsibilities of this group in a line or two. Working closely with all Town Departments, Gus, Kevin and Leo make certain things are tight at Town Hall, the grass is mowed at Chestnut Hill Community School and the locks on the jail cells close properly. Several major projects recently completed by this group include the ADA ramp constructed at the Old Town Hall, an 1,800 square foot addition to their own shop and an entire season of mowing and care of approximately 60 acres of ball fields and lawns. Once again, I wish to thank these guys for a job well done!

As I prepare to complete this article, I would like to also call attention to the many dedicated business owners, contractors, and consultants that support this Department the whole year through. It is often with little or no notice, at the least desirable time, that I or the employees of this Department impose on them for their service. To these folks, my co-workers, other Department Heads and Committee members, we all thank you for your tremendous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Director of Public Works

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with full-time professional staff and public health services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 22,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1995.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes	147	69	30
Septic Application Review	191	51	12
Septic Final Inspections and Re-inspections	95	49	7
Well Application Review	63	N/A	4
Housing Inspections and Re-inspections (upon complaint)	41	57	5
Rental Voucher Inspections and Re-inspections (upon request)	0	14	0
Condemnations (dwelling units)	0	3	0
Lead Paint Inspections	1	0	0
Housing Hearings	1	2	1
Food Service Inspections and Re-inspections	78	108	3
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	34	25	2
Nuisance Inspections and Re-inspections	14	37	0
Public Pool Inspections	1	0	N/A
Mobile Home Park Inspections	4	2	0
Court Appearances	0	0	1
Misc. Site Inspections/Meetings	28	24	0
Board Meeting Attendance	19	18	3

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN 1995: 1,243

In addition, 7 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 1995. The Board of Directors is composed of nine elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committee and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Ware Solid Waste Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various state agencies and professional groups. Topics addressed during 1995 included the revised Title V, lead paint encapsulation, food technology, tobacco control, landfill closures, landfill mining, computer training for health departments, betterment projects, and grant administration.

The implementation of the "New Title V", the state regulations governing septic systems, was a major event for Boards of Health across the region in 1995. The goal of the District was to provide a smooth transition for town residents. To accomplish this goal District employees performed the following activities:

- obtained the required soil evaluation certifications from DEP long in advance of the code change,

- attended DEP training sessions on real estate transfer inspections, advanced technology, and general administration, of the new code,

- assisted the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards in organizing informational seminars for Board of Health members in Western Massachusetts, two meetings were held in Belchertown and were widely attended by a number of communities,

- kept abreast of additional regulation amendments and pending legislation intended to lessen the financial impacts of the code changes on property owners,

- compiled an informational library of code amendments, forms, licensed inspectors, and summary sheets for distribution to residents, and

- disseminated up to date information to the public and professionals impacted by the code change.

The year 1995 was a challenging time for the Quabbin Health District. I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I appreciate the assistance and dedication of Roger Bonsall, Assistant Health Officer and Helen Kutt, District Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Moreno, R.S., C.H.O.
Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

Board of Health

During the 1995 calender year, the Board of health continued to work towards improving the quality of services provided to the citizens of the Town of Belchertown, while maintaining it's high standards for the protection of public health. The Board accomplished this through meetings held twice monthly, on the first and third Monday. Meetings averaged 4 hours.

Review and approval of the septic plans continued to be one of the major tasks facing the Board. During this past year, implementation of a statewide update in Title V regulations placed new demands and additional time requirement responsibilities upon the Board. A total of 191 Disposal Works Construction Permits, representing an unusually high number, were approved. The Board also extended the Towns percolation season, reflecting changes in soil evaluation criteria and in anticipation of expected increased work loads secondary to Title V revisions.

In an effort to understand these comprehensive new regulations, The Town of Belchertown, Board of Health served as host facility for two workshops dealing with the changes in Title V regulations. Other town officials throughout the Western Massachusetts region participated in this event sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards.

The area of tobacco control regulations has also been one of intense activity for the Board of Health. With the assistance of Quabbin Health District's Tobacco Control Coordinator, this year has seen the development and the refining of proposed tobacco control regulations within the Town of Belchertown. Two public hearings were conducted to allow for input from interested parties with regards to these proposed regulations. The Board will continue to refine and revise this regulatory document and anticipated faction within the next year.

Educational materials focusing on smoking cessation are now available through the Board of Health office including films which have been donated to the Clapp Memorial Library. The Board of Health office has served as the central location in town hall for the distribution of other technical and educational assistance relative to public health issues.

Other activity within the Board of Health office included the initiation of an incentive program to recognize the efforts of local restaurants and food service establishments in meeting or exceeding standards for sanitation. Awards were given to those recognized for excellence in sanitation. To encourage the training of restaurant workers in the Heimlick maneuver and therefore encourage safety in out Town's eating establishments, Choke Saver classes were provided to area restaurant personnel through the Board.

Regulations for the licencing of septic installers, were drafted and finalized this year, in an effort to work towards assuring quality and maintaining standards, with protection of public health through protection of ground water and quality control as the driving force.

In an effort to keep abreast of ever changing issues effecting the public health domain, Board members and staff have participated in continuing education workshops and seminars focusing on such issues as: updates in federal food inspection laws, Title V regulatory changes, soil evaluation including identification of hydric soils, wetland evaluation, sanitation, lead paint and other environmental issues.

Other activities engaged in by the Board included examining the current cooperative arrangement between the towns of Belchertown, Ware and Pelham relative to the formation and operation of the Quabbin Health District. A vote at annual Town meeting to withdraw from the Quabbin Health District, was followed by a vote at special Town meeting to recsind that vote and remain with the district. Acting in response to the initial vote to withdraw, the Board appointed a Transition Committee to look at issues and prepare for the initiation of the Town's independent health department. The Board began to examine issues relative to the Town's participation in the District, raised by the Transition Committee and will continue to do so in the future.

The following represent the permits issued by the Board in 1995:

1995 Belchertown Board of Health Permit Activity

Disposal Works Construction Permits	191
Well Construction Permits	63
Food Service Establishments	29
Retail Food Permits	12
Milk and Cream Licenses	30
Bakery License	1
Bottling Permit	1
Frozen Dessert License	3
Mobile or Temporary Food	34
Septic Installer's Permits	32
Septage Hauler's Permits	3
Mobil Home Park Licenses	1
Massage Therapy Licenses	4
Piggery Permits	1

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Minney, Chairman
David Haines
Denise Finn-Rizzo
Belchertown Board of Health

Veterans' Services

Administrative Expenditures			
Salaries, Supplies, and Services:	5,594.03	5,594.03	
Financial Assistance Expenditures			
Ordinary Benefits	21,263.08		
Fuel Benefits	2,391.60		
Medical Benefits	3,142.02	26,796.70	32,390.73
Expected Reimbursements			20,097.53
Cost of Operations			12,293.20

Veteran Breakdown:

WWII	0
Korean	3
Vietnam	13
Persian Gulf	2
Other War Time Service	0

Assisted 18 different veterans and 27 dependents throughout the year.

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. This department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs, we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. William Carrier, Director
Veterans' Service Department

Cemetery Department

The following is a report for the calendar year 1995. During the past year we performed thirty three (33) burials. This is an increase of seven (7) from the previous year.

We collected and returned to the Town the following sums of money:

1.	Sale of Cemetery Lots	$2,800.00
2.	Perpetual Care	$5,250.00
	Total	$8,050.00

Much brush trimming was done during the past year, with much more needed. Many new graves were layed out and mapped at our South Cemetery Annex. The voters approved the purchase of the contiguous parcel located next to Lake Vale Cemetery, allowing for future expansion in that area. Many old headstones were either straightened and/or repaired. Acid rain will eventually disintegrate what stones we now have. It certainly gives new meaning to the words "dust to dust".

The Belchertown Cemetery Department, as we have known it, not longer exists. We have been absorbed by the Department of Public Works. I am confident that the D.P.W. will carry on this necessary service in the same manner everyone has been accustomed to throughout the history of this Town. The "Commissioners" will be working with the D.P.W. (Mr. Brougham) to make the transition as least obtrusive as possible.

When my term expires, I, Paul Cook, will have been in this office for twenty four years! I am proud to have been able to serve the Town in this capacity and look forward to assisting Mr. Brougham in whatever way possible.

Respectfully & Finally Submitted,

Paul C. Cook, Chairman
Flood R. Peeso, Member
David G. Hodgen, Member

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in administration. Everett Acres, a forty-eight unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State Street, Unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road, Unit 7 built and administered under the state's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a twelve unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is $17,696 for one person, $20,224 for two and up to $31,600 for a family of eight.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay thirty per cent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $251 per month. Though we have experienced difficulties in renting second floor units, Everett Acres is fully occupied with a waiting list of fifteen eligible applicants.

Legislation signed this year by the Governor has reduced the age requirement to sixty years for eligibility for elder housing.

East Walnut Hill is also fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

Unit 1 at 45 State Street and Unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The Authority receives no state subsidy for these units.

The twelve family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay Twenty-five per cent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is $243 per month. There is a waiting list of 250 applicants.

The Authority also has the administration of thirty units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the Authority assists very low income elderly, disabled/handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the Landlord. The Authority closed the Section 8 waiting list on October 31, 1994 as there were more applicants than the Authority could be expected to house within a reasonable amount of time.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal '96 is $189,166 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise M. Butler, Chairman
Thomas Soja
James Barry
Richard Kane
Antoinette Kubiak

Historic District Commission

The Belchertown Historic District Commission met with six property owners within the local historic district during the past year regarding proposed exterior changes to their property. Appropriate certificates were awarded when necessary following public hearings.

The district is being renewed with the erection of the Masonic Building in the center of town.

The commission tries to keep abreast of property changes within the historic district and meet with property owners. We appreciate the willingness of property owners to meet with the Commission to discuss proposed changes before applying for a certificate.

Copies of the District By Law and application forms are available in the office of the Town Clerk. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission concerning the Historic District By Law.

The Commission appreciates the cooperation of David Holmes, the Zoning By Law Officer and the Office of the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris M. Dickinson, Chairman
Jacqueline Dupre
Richard Davitt
John B. Curry
Debbi L. Gottlieb

Council on Aging

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation, and advocacy services to the elder population in the greater Belchertown area.

Providing a unique combination of contracted services and programs, and informal activities organized by and for Council on Aging members, the Belchertown Council on Aging is truly a community-based organization.

Our Title 111C Nutrition Program, provides on site congregate, as well as home-delivered meals to elders unable to leave home. Funded through WestMass Elder Care under the Federal Older Americans Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutritional needs of our elder residents are met.

Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday, often accompanied by music, or a speaker. Home delivered meals are provided seven days a week and participants have the option to receive an evening meal in addition to the hot, noon meal. Christmas and New Years are the only two days of the year meals are not served with the exception of weather related closings.

This past year, a group of dedicated volunteers delivered 41,229 meals to 187 elders in their homes, providing a daily reassurance check along with the lunch!

We served 12,808 hot noon meals on-site to 206 elders in 1995.

The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fund-raising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash and commodities.

Out Transportation Program, funded through the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), provides accessible one way, and round-trip transportation services to those eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any elder in need. The majority of miles traveled are to medical facilities throughout Western Massachusetts. Rides are offered daily to the Center, and weekly trips to shopping centers, area malls, and grocery stores are also provided.

These transportation services are vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure access to medical care.

In 1995, we provided 210 participants 12,644 trips, for a total of 88,227 miles.

The Council continues to administer a Social Day Program on site; a program intended to provide supervised, organized, and supportive services to elders in need of a structured environment. These services are provided Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and include crafts activities, guided exercises, games, movies, snacks, lunch, and a variety of interactive opportunities. This program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and private pay income.

Our Social Day Program remains a very important service for those elders who would otherwise remain isolated, and potentially at risk at home. In 1995 we provided 195 days of service to 27 participants.

Outreach and education to elders through home visits enables us to identify needs, and provide necessary services and information. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, home care, and entitlement programs information, "friendly visiting" and "friendly phone calling" are often a part of our outreach, as is on-going training of our staff on issues of elder abuse, and elder at risk services.

In 1995 the Council remained a focal point of the community by hosting the surplus food distribution program, the Toys for Tots campaign, and by joining hands with the Chicopee Knights of Columbus for a sumptuous Thanksgiving Day meal at our Dining Center.

Health promotion activities continue to be of vital interest to our members, and monthly blood sugar, and blood pressure clinics are well attended, as are presentations on medication management, hospice services, and a range of other relevant topics. Our yearly flu clinic drew an overwhelming number of participants in 1995, none of which would have been possible without the help of our local health care professionals.

It would not be an understatement to say that none of our services, activities, or efforts would be possible without the unselfish support of many dedicated volunteers who involve themselves at the Center on a daily basis. In 1995 the Center benefited from more than 6678 volunteer hours for a dollar value of $46,478.00. This truly is a community effort!

Council on Aging Operating Budget for FY 1995

Town Appropriation	$93,375.00
Title 111C Nutrition Program	
Title 111C Grant	$47,270.00
State Home Care	$ 8,324.00
Participant Donations	$44,925.00
USDA Cash	$24,600.00
USDA Commodities	$10,288.00
Transportation Program	
PVTA Contract	$54,497.00
111B Grant	$ 4,424.00
State Home Care	$ 5,095.00
Fares/Contracts	$ 5,222.00
Social Day Program	
Formula Grant	$ 4,484.00
State Home Care	$ 8,060.00
Private Payment	$ 4,259.00
Donations	$ 2,400.00
Center Association Fund-raising	$ 3,450.00
Total Operating Funds	$326,673.00

The Council On Aging is a Town Appointed Board. Members include: Florine Neggers, Eva Ericksberg, Casimir Owczarski, Madeline Linde, Michele Ouhl, Shirley Dorey, Mimi Bergstrom, Theresa Glanville, Jeannette Crowther, Joan Hutchinson, and Robert Lavoie.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging/Senior Center Directors.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Department

As we look back upon the year of 1995, we take time out to analyze what we have accomplished. Each year we try to improve our department and programs by adding and expanding. Our goal was once again accomplished, and enrollment continues to increase.

Due to this increase in enrollment our active sports programs need additional facilities for games and practices. At the request of the Recreation Committee, the Board of Selectmen established a Recreation Building Study Committee to review existing space indoors and outdoors and make recommendations for the future.

The Recreation Department's Sports Programs for boys and girls is growing in leaps and bounds. With the help of our invaluable volunteers we were able once again to nurture many future olympians and M.V.P.s in the following activities: Fall Soccer - 10 girl's teams/15 boys teams and 14 co-ed teams, Winter Basketball - 10 girl's teams/27 boy's teams and 8 co-ed teams, Baseball - 18 teams, Softball - 12 teams, Pitching Machine League - 8 teams, and T-Ball - 4 teams.

Additional programs that were sponsored by the Recreation Department include the following: Baton Twirling, Safe Sitter Certification, American Red Cross C.P.R. and C.P.R. For the Professional Rescuer, ARC First Aid, Dance, Yoga, Flower and Craft Workshops, and Kokondo Bushi Kyokai. Our seasonal programs include our Mount Tom Ski Lessons, Over 35 Basketball League, DARE Basketball League and High School Basketball League.. We also offer a Summer Playground Program, Horseback Lessons, Tennis Lessons, Golf Lessons and Our Annual Recreation Golf Tournament. We hold one week long Summer Camps for Soccer, Basketball and Baseball.

The Department offered a variety of water programming and activities both at the Town Beach and at the Chestnut Hill Community Pool this year. Some of those included: ARC Learn-To-Swim, Morning, Evenings, and Weekend Aquanastics, Infant & Preschool Aquatic Program, Scuba Lessons, Canoeing & Kayaking Lessons, and ARC Lifeguarding & Water Safety Instructor Certification Classes. We also held lessons for area schools, such as Woodland Academy in Ware, Belchertown Day School and The Swift River Day Camp. Our 1996/1997 goal will be to add a Water Polo Program and to continue to improve our service to the public with ongoing staff training and the purchase of additional exercise equipment.

The Town Beach was once again open for use to residents and nonresidents in and around Belchertown. The summer of 1995 was memorable for its continued heat waves. This summer the beach opened on June 16 and closed on August 30th. During the week it was open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Individual and Family Passes were sold, as well as daily user tickets.

The beach is staffed at all times with ARC Trained Lifeguards. Before it opens in 1996 we are hopeful that two new lifeguard stands will be in place to provide: a better view of the water, an emergency phone at the water and an area of shade for the lifeguards. We also held a Water Carnival for the first time providing age appropriate games and fun for all our Learn To Swim Participants. A great time was had by all who came!! We are hopeful that this will become an annual event with attendance numbers increasing each year.

Each year as we strive to meet the communities needs, our roles change and our horizon broadens. We review past programming and initiate new programs. We are constantly expanding as the needs and community grows. In order to help meet our communities growth, the Recreation Department increased their full time staff by one and expanded our open office hours to include two nights, one evening and Saturday Mornings allowing us to be more accessible to the public.

Along with the many agencies and businesses who help sponsor our programs we have many people who volunteer their time and effort to the departments activities. Without such support we would not be where we are today. We thank each and everyone of you for such commitment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald C. Constantino,
Recreation Director
Beth Romeo
Aquatic Director/Asst Director
Recreation Committee Members:
Pat Burton, Chairperson
Bruce Smith
Tom Sullivan
Robert Chartier
David Whipple
Garry Bock, Associate Member

Arts Council

Once again the Belchertown Arts Council received funds in excess of what we expected. But, as usual, the requests far out-distanced our allotted funds. With a total of $22,968 requested from various individuals or groups, we had the difficult task of allotting the $6,716.00 that we received from the State

As in the past we have tried to spread these funds over a broad spectrum, to encompass all age groups. As these funds are meant to be only "seed" monies we are hopeful that each applicant will be able to continue their projects with the funds that were allocated to them.

We had a community meeting again this year with positive results. It is our hope and intention to involve the whole community in any future plans that the Arts Council themselves sponsors.

Some of the funding this year went to the following individuals or groups: Carole Adams (Woolgathers Guild), Belchertown Community Band, Belchertown Historical Society, Belchertown School District (Conflict Resolution), Patty Carpenter (Music for Seniors), Chestnut Hill Community School, Clapp Memorial Library, Cold Springs School, John Farnsworth (Art of Improvisation - Jazz Musicians), Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library (Spring Fesstival), Hampshire Shakespeare Education Programs, Jewish Community of Amherst (Reflections on Auschwitz), Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Volunteer Fair Committee. Also we were able to fund all the PASS applications. These are applications requested by the schools for Field Trips for the students, to plays, historical places etc.

We were pleased that we were able to fund such a diverse group of applications.

BELCHERTOWN ARTS COUNCIL,
Mary G. Avery - Co-chair
Paul Marean - Co-chair
Gloria Fox - Treasurer
Donna Kendall - Secretary
Karen Schiffer
Judy McQuillan

Belchertown Rail-Trail Committee

The Belchertown Rail-Trail Committee is now in its third year of existence. This Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

This committee has submitted two "TIP" (Transportation Improvement Plans) to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. First was for funding of land acquisition in the sum of $475,000 dollars. Second was for the sum of $110,000 dollars to fund design of trail. Preparations for these two TIP'S was funded by County Commissioners. Both of these initial requests for funding were denied by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, but the Committee has gained experience in the funding process.

The operating budget for this committee for fiscal year '96 was set at $1,500 dollars. This was set at the April '95 Town Meeting.

In response to concerns raised by residents of the Tri-Lakes area this committee has put forth great effort to investigate, research and compile all possible alternatives for the trail in this area. And it is from this compilation that the committee hopes to choose a route which will be acceptable to the people of the Tri-Lakes area. The entire committee has walked extensively around the Tri-Lakes area to evaluate each alternative. The committee has contacted over a dozen local agencies to gain perspectives from each.

Agencies contacted include: Police, Department of Public Works, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Recreation Dept. , C.V.R.R. Railroad and others. A summary report is being prepared and a vote to choose the most acceptable alternative is pending.

In May, the Conservation Commission Chairman accepted an offer to walk the first half of the Trail from Amherst to Route 202 underpass. Much was learned, especially concerning wetlands issues, and a summary of comments was appended to the June meeting.

In June, the idea of forming a "Friends of the Belchertown Rail Trail" was proposed. This enthusiastic group has created a pamphlet and a bumper sticker. These items were distributed at the Belchertown fair.

This committee, in partnership with the Friends of the Belchertown Rail Trail Committee, again sponsored a booth at the Belchertown fair. This was again a great success with much interest being expressed from many people.

The effort put forth by this Committee has resulted in the final granting and acceptance of easements to the Town from several of the private landowners in the section of Trail between Warren Wright Road, and Cheryl Circle off of Federal Street. A special thanks go to these landowners.

In July, the State Department of Environmental Management (DEM) met with members of the committee and "viewed first hand" this trail by hiking it from end to end. This was the first visit by any DEM official to this trail and is seen as a very positive interest on the part of the State for this project.

In late 1995 early 1996, this committee was able to obtain a "bridge loan" from the Kestrel Trust to help finalize a design proposal. These funds will be used to have students from the Conway School of Design prepare the design proposal. This proposal will be presented with grant request due in March. The addition of this design will greatly enhance chances of receiving grant money.

In early 1996, this committee also received funding of $100,000 dollars from the Open Space Bond Bill. This money will be used strictly for purchase of easements or land.

This committee started the last fiscal year with fifteen members. Resignations were received from several members and we now have eleven members. This is the limit established by the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Arey
W. Dan Fitzpatrick
Paul Keating
Alice Kuc
Peg Louraine
Larry Tucker
Peter Crowley
Jay Holtman
Bob Kruse
Lewis Louraine
Sue Ordinetz
Rorry Zahourek

Clapp Memorial Library

I. FY95 Budget Figures:

Our FY1995 appropriation was $104,027.00. This figure represents nearly a 16% increase over our FY94 appropriation ($90,019.00); the patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Executive Secretary and members of those Town Boards who have given us their support. Our good fortune continued enabling us to supplement our budget with $10,643.00 from state grants. The Friends Of the Library contributed nearly $2,500.00 which was used to purchase children's books, reference materials and fund the Summer Reading Program.

II. Circulation Totals:

A. Our FY'95 circulation figure was approximately 15% greater than our FY'94 level:

FY'95 circulation total:	90,646
FY'94 circulation total:	78,791
FY'93 circulation total:	66,798
FY'92 circulation total:	53,390
FY'91 circulation total:	43,192

III. Registered Patrons

We had 1,219 new patron registrations in FY95; we now count 4,976 of our Belchertown neighbors as active library patrons.

IV. Collection Size:

Print Materials	**Adult**	**Childrens**	**Total**
1. Volumes of books	8,604	8,380	16,984
2. Volumes of serials	253		253
TOTAL	8,857	8,380	17,237

Non-Print Materials	**Adult**	**Childrens**	**Total**
3. Audio cassettes	101	0	101
4. Video cassettes/discs	629	591	1,220
5. Misc.	36	1	37
TOTAL	766	592	1,358

Print and Non-Print Subscriptions	**TOTAL**
1. Print Serials (59 general periodicals and 9 childrens periodical)	68
TOTAL COLLECTION (as of June 30, 1995):	18,595

V. Inter Library Loan Capabilities:

Toward the close of FY95 we became an affiliate member of the CW MARS Library Network. We can now scan the collections of libraries throughout Massachusetts looking for materials not owned by the Clapp Memorial Library. This capability, together with our cooperation with the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, enables us to obtain needed materials from any of the 50 States.

VI. Programs, Activities, exhibits, etc.:

1. To support and promote the formal education of Belchertown's students is among the Library's primary service roles. Due to the rapid growth of Belchertown's student population this role has become increasingly important. Students in the lower, elementary school grades are now housed in seven separate buildings; only one of these buildings has a school library. In a cooperative effort to satisfy the library needs of these students the Library and the School Department have created the Elementary School Library Visit Program (ESLVP). Each day throughout the school year Belchertown's second and third grade students visit the Library. The Library staff cultivates the love of books and reading while helping these young students in their search for information and entertainment. Our Children's Librarian has also begun a series of library Visits for Kindergarten and first grade students exposing them to the treasures of the Library at an earlier age.

2. We begin to educate and entertain our youngest library patrons before they even enter their first classroom Three story hour programs - Toddler Time, The Preschool Story hour and the Bedtime Story Hour - attract more than 60 children each week. Children in the early elementary grades have a program designed just for them. Our Super Saturday Program hosts 15 or 20 young patrons. The Summer Reading program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, has something for all of our younger patrons from preschool through junior high school. Each year this program sees more and more participants. This program celebrates its success with a reading awards party at the CHCS playground each August.

3. We hosted a variety of popular exhibits here at the Library in FY95. The annual Kindergarten Art Show is our most successful exhibit. The various exhibits from a variety of Belchertown's elementary school classes were also very popular. So too, we have hosted showings of local artists and their students. We also invited Belchertown's Boy Scouts and Brownies to use our Library for meetings, and have welcomed their displays.

4. The Fall Book Sale and Spring Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Library continued their successful and entertaining tradition. A variety of programs were offered for both the young and adult patron. These functions raised over $2,500.00 for the Friends of the Library which they generously donated to the Library.

V. GOALS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE:

1. **Recreational Reading and Independent learning:** We will continue to offer our patrons best-sellers from contemporary fiction, and provide the latest in areas such as home improvement, cooking, crafts, personal finance, history, gardening and landscaping, etc. We will begin a "Best Seller Rental Collection." Extra copies of best sellers will be purchased and rented for a dollar per week for those of you who simply can't wait for their number to come up on the Library's reserve list.

2. **Childrens Programs and Services:** We hope to offer a wider variety of Childrens Programs in the coming year. Chris Brownell, our Children's Librarian, is a proven winner; she has developed a set of programs for our younger patrons that are cited as models for libraries throughout Western Massachusetts. Chris was successful in her efforts to win a federal L.S.C.A. grant for her Latch Key Children After School Program. This program will begin in January, 1996.

3. **Automation:** Of the $9,000.00 L.S.C.A. grant awarded to Chris, $4,500.00 will be used to purchase the hardware and software needed to provide our patrons with access to CD-ROM technology in FY96. All of our patrons - students, adult independent learners, homemakers, gardeners, hobbyist, etc. - will benefit from the reference capabilities of these products.

4. **Maintenance, Repair and Renovation:** As the community continues to grow, so too will its demands for library services. The Library's main floor and basement will need substantial remodeling if it is to satisfy these growing demands. Throughout the coming years we will apply for a variety of federal and state grants to help us meet the costs of these projects. We cannot, however, rely entirely upon grants - we will need your support.

5. **Pataron Service:** This is your Library. The Library staff and Board of Trustees considers Patron Service to be our primary responsibility. If you will make us aware of the kinds of library services that you desire, we will do all that we can to bring such services to you. We appreciate your support; we look forward to serving you.

Town Meetings and Elections

Action Taken at the
Special Town Meeting
Held March 20, 1995
at Chestnut Hill Community School
FY95

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m.
Registered voters present - 165 (quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 57B, allowing the Town to send only one annual bill for all Personal Property and Real Estate bills which do not exceed $50.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $16,000.00 to purchase a new optical scan voting system.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. On the Article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation in conjunction with the redevelopment of the former Belchertown State School property. Said funds to be used to hire professional services to assess the extent of hazardous waste contamination, estimate costs for removal of contaminants and selective demolition of buildings, and preliminary planning activities required to prepare the site for development, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $2,557.00 to replace the pump for the Fire Department's Brush truck.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $100,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund for future capital expenditures.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article, an amendment to appropriate the sum of $606,000.00 instead of the $100,000.00 failed to pass by a majority no vote)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $3,000.00 to replace the photocopier in the Assessor's office.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 7. On the Article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to purchase property at the corner of Maple and Main Streets, or take any other action relative thereto, ($42,000.00)

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article, the original motion to appropriate $42,000.00 was followed immediately by the motion to "take no action" which passed by the majority yes vote, thereby concluding any other action on the Article.)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $30,000.00 to the School #4000 Account for the repair of the heating system at Chestnut Hill Community School.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $7,500.00 to the School #4000 Account for the hook up of water mains for the Chestnut Hill Community School and the school buildings at the former Belchertown State School.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $14,000.00 to the School #9000 Account for the expense of Out of District Tuition fees.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $6,250.00 for the preparation of Senior Center architectural plans.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to accept the November 1994 Classification and Compensation Plan prepared by MMA Consulting, Inc. for municipal employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement; such plan to become effective July 1, 1995.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article, the following took place:

1) A motion "to accept the developed job descriptions as documented in the November 1994 Classification and Compensation Plan prepared by MMA Consulting, Inc. for municipal employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, such job descriptions to become effective July 1, 1995, and furthermore to TAKE NO ACTION on the remaining recommendations of said Plan at this time,"

failed to pass by a majority no vote.

2) A motion "to take no action on this Article" failed by a vote of Yes: 42; No: 72.)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, by:

* Adding to the end of the paragraph in Section 6, B, 2: Vacation, e: "Any accumulated vacation not taken prior to the granted extension will be forfeited.

Adding to the end of the first paragraph in Section 6, B, 3; Holidays: "Compensatory time for a holiday worked must be used within the same fiscal year it was accrued."

Adding to the end of the last paragraph in Section 6, B, 13; Longevity: "Any person who voluntarily leaves the employment of the Town or who is terminated for a period longer than ninety (90) days, and is rehired, shall be considered a new employee under the Personnel By-Law."

Deleting Appendix A and Appendix B in their entirety and replacing them as follows:

APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION — COMPENSATION PLAN:

Category & Position	Annual or Full-time Pay Level or Range	

A. MANAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL

Police Chief	$44,000	$54,000
Director of Public Works	$40,000	$50,000
Fire Chief	$31,250	$41,250
Town Accountant	$31,250	$41,250
Town Treasurer-Collector*	$31,250	$41,250
Building Inspector	$27,500	$37,500
Library Director	$27,500	$37,500
Assistant (Principal) Assessor	$27,500	$37,500
Direct. of Computing & Purchasing	$27,500	$37,500
Town Planner	$25,500	$35,500
Senior Services Director	$22,000	$32,000
Recreation Director	$22,000	$32,000
Town Clerk**	$21,000	$31,000

* Filled at 2/3 time

** Filled at 1/3 time

B. FULL-TIME EXEMPT

Conservation Administrator	9
Asst. Recreation Director/Aquatic Director	8

C. FULL-TIME NON-EXEMPT

Library Page	1
Janitor/Senior Center	2
Clerk/Typist	3
Council On Aging Dispatcher/Clerk	3
Council On Aging Van Driver	3
Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer	3
Accounting Clerk	4
Communications Dispatcher	4
Cook	4
Library Technician	4
Technical Assistant	4
Maintenance Worker I	4
Ambulance Operations Manager	5
Assistant Town Clerk	5
Assistant Town Collector	5
Assistant Town Treasurer	5
Department Assistant I	5
Maintenance Worker II	5
Secretary to the Fire Chief	5
Senior Communications Dispatcher	5
Assistant Town Accountant	6
Department Assistant II	6
Senior Center Services Assistant	6
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	6
Administrative Secretary to Board of Selectmen and Executive Secretary	7
Circulation Librarian	7
Secretary to Police Chief/Dispatcher Supervisor	7
Social Services Coordinator	7
Children's Librarian	8
Working Supervisor of Public Buildings & Grounds	9
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Supervisor	10

D. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE

Veterans' Agent	$5,200.00
Director of Civil Defense	$250.00
Deputy Director of Civil Defense	$100.00
Radio Officer, Civil Defense	$100.00
Assisting Member, Civil Defense	$100.00
Animal Inspector	$1,200.00
Assistant Animal Inspector	$800.00
Clerk, Board of Registrars (According to MGL, Ch. 41, Section 19G)	
Dog Officer	$1,200 plus $12.00 per action
Assistant Dog Officer	$600 plus $12.00 per action
Plumbing Inspector	$15.00/inspection
Wiring Inspector	$15.00/inspection
Gas Inspector	$15.00/inspection

E. PART-TIME HOURLY SCHEDULE

Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals	$4.90 — $6.63/hr.
Conservation Commission Assistant	$4.35 — $7.04/hr.
Election Workers	$4.35 — $7.35/hr.
Clerk/Typist	$4.35 — $5.63/hr.
Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employee	$4.35 — $7.22/hr.
Swim Team Coach (Seasonal)	8.16/hr.
Swim Team Asst. Coach	6.12/hr.
Public Works/Maintenance Seasonal Employee	$4.35 — $6.02/hr.
Recording Secretary	$4.35 — $8.67/hr.

APPENDIX B: WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

This salary schedule applies to all full-time employees except those classified as Management/Professional. A full-time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) or more hours per week.

Grade		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
	Hourly	6.25	6.47	6.70	6.93	7.17	7.42	7.68	7.95
	Weekly	250.00	258.75	267.81	277.18	286.88	296.92	307.31	318.07
	Annual	13,050.00	13,506.75	13,979.49	14,468.77	14,975.18	15,499.31	16,041.78	16,603.24
2	Hourly	7.19	7.44	7.70	7.97	8.25	8.54	8.84	9.14
	Weekly	287.50	297.56	307.98	318.76	329.91	341.46	353.41	365.78
	Annual	15,007.50	15,532.76	16,076.41	16,639.08	17,221.45	17,824.20	18,448.05	19,093.73
3	Hourly	8.27	8.55	8.85	9.16	9.48	9.82	10.16	10.52
	Weekly	330.63	342.20	354.17	366.57	379.40	392.68	406.42	420.65
	Annual	17,258.63	17,862.68	18,487.87	19,134.95	19,804.67	20,497.83	21,215.26	21,957.79
4	Hourly	8.89	9.20	9.52	9.85	10.20	10.55	10.92	11.30
	Weekly	355.42	367.86	380.74	394.06	407.85	422.13	436.90	452.20
	Annual	18,553.02	19,202.38	19,874.46	20,570.07	21,290.02	22,035.17	22,806.40	23,604.62
5	Hourly	9.55	9.89	10.23	10.59	10.96	11.34	11.74	12.15
	Weekly	382.08	395.45	409.29	423.62	438.44	453.79	469.67	486.11
	Annual	19,994.50	20,642.56	31,365.05	22,112.82	22,886.77	23,687.81	24,516.88	25,374.97
6	Hourly	10.27	10.63	11.00	11.38	11.78	12.20	12.62	13.06
	Weekly	410.73	425.11	439.99	455.39	471.33	487.82	504.90	522.57
	Annual	21,440.34	22,190.75	22,967.42	23,771.28	24,603.28	25,464.39	26,355.65	27,278.09
7	Hourly	10.99	11.37	11.77	12.18	12.61	13.05	13.51	13.98
	Weekly	439.49	454.87	470.79	487.27	504.32	521.97	540.24	559.15
	Annual	22,941.16	23,744.10	24,575.14	25,435.27	26,325.51	27,246.90	28,200.54	29,187.56
8	Hourly	11.76	12.17	12.59	13.03	13.49	13.96	14.45	14.96
	Weekly	470.25	486.71	503.74	521.37	539.62	558.51	578.06	598.29
	Annual	24,547.04	25,406.19	26,295.40	27,215.74	28,168.29	29,154.18	30,174.58	31,230.69

9 Hourly	12.58	13.02	13.48	13.95	14.43	14.94	15.46	16.00
Weekly	503.17	520.78	539.01	557.87	577.40	597.60	618.52	640.17
Annual	26,265.33	27,184.62	28,136.08	29,120.84	30,140.07	31,194.98	32,286.80	33,416.84
10 Hourly	13.46	13.93	14.42	14.92	15.45	15.99	16.55	17.12
Weekly	538.39	557.23	576.74	596.92	617.81	639.44	661.82	684.98
Annual	28,103.91	29,087.54	30,105.61	31,159.30	32,249.88	33,378.63	34,546.88	35,756.02
11 Hourly	14.40	14.91	15.43	15.97	16.53	17.10	17.70	18.32
Weekly	576.08	596.24	617.11	638.71	661.06	684.20	708.14	732.93
Annual	30,071.18	31,123.67	32,213.00	33,340.46	34,507.37	35,715.13	36,965.16	38,258.94

Employees classified as Management/Professional and full-time exempt shall receive a weekly salary.

For all other employees who work forty (40) or less hours per week, divide the weekly salary by forty (40) and multiply by the number of hours actually worked.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article the following took place:

1) A motion was presented - I move to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following described manner:

APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION — COMPENSATION PLAN:

A. MANAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL

Police Chief	$43,200—$54,000
Director of Public Works	$40,000—$50,000
Fire Chief	$33,000—$41,250
Town Accountant	$33,000—$41,250
Town Treasurer-Collector*	$33,000—$41,250
Building Inspector	$30,000—$37,500
Library Director	$30,000—$37,500
Assistant (Principal) Assessor	$30,000—$37,500
Direct. of Computing & Purchasing	$30,000—$37,500
Town Planner	$28,400—$35,500
Senior Services Director	$25,600—$32,000
Recreation Director	$25,600—$32,000
Town Clerk**	$24,800—$31,000

* Filled at 2/3 time
** Filled at 1/3 time

and furthermore to TAKE NO ACTION on any other section of said By-Law mentioned in the previous motion. After considerable discussion, debate was cut off by Yes: 97; No: 20, and the above motion was then defeated by a majority no vote.

2) An amendment to "Take No Action" failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 14. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $640.07 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Bondsville Fire & Water District	$304.00
Future Supply Corp.	155.74
Hampshire County Registry of Deeds	13.00
Almer Huntley, Jr. & Assoc., Inc.	150.00
Daily Hampshire Gazette	17.33

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 15. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

- Delete — Section III: Schedule of Uses, in its entirety, and replace it with Section III: Use Regulations, in its entirety.
- Delete — Section VII: Site Plan Application Process, in its entirety, and replace it with Section VII: Site Plan Application Process, in its entirety.

(See next pages for actual Sec. III & VII)

(Vote: Majority Yes)
Yes: 92; No: 3

*revised

SECTION III

SCHEDULE OF USES

Business Uses	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHR	LI
1. Home occupation	Y2 SP/Z3	Y2 SP/Z3	Y2 SP/Z3	N	Y2 SP/Z3	Y	Y	N	N	N
2. Small store (under 2500 sq. ft.) for retail sale of merchandise provided all display, storage and sales of material are conducted within a building and provided there be no manufacturing or assembly on the premise	N	N	N	SP/Z4	N	*Y	*Y	N	N	N
3. Medium store (between 2500 sq. ft. and 5000 sq. ft.)	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*PA	N	N	N
4. Large store or mall (total floor space over 5000 sq. ft.)	N	N	N	N	N	PA	N	N	N	PA
5. Convenience store	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*Y	N	N	N
6. Combination convenience store/ motor vehicle service station/ gasoline islands	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/Z	N	N	N
7. Service businesses (personal businesses, professional) serving local needs such as barber shops, shoe repair, self-service laundry or dry cleaning pick-up agency, tailoring or other similar uses with less than 2500 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	SP/Z5	N	*Y	*Y	N	SP/Z6	N
8. Service businesses between 2500 and 5000 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	SP/Z5	N	*Y	*PA	N	SP/Z6	N
9. Service businesses ** with more than 5000 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	*Y	*N	N	SP/Z	N
10. Business, financial, or professional offices with less than 2500 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*Y	N	N	PA
11. Business, financial, or professional offices with 2500 to 5000 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*PA	PA	N	PA
12. Business, financial or professional ** offices with more than 5000 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*SP/Z	PA	N	PA

13. Offices and clinics for medical, psychiatric or other health services for examination and treatment of persons as outpatients including only laboratories which are part of such office or clinic with 2500 sq. ft. or less of floor space	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	PA	PA	N	N	PA
14. Offices and clinics, as above (#13.), with over 2500 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*PA	SP/Z	N	N	PA
15. Inns and small lodging houses	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	*PA	PA	N	N	N
16. Motels (up to 25 units)	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	N
17. Motels (more than 25 units)	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N
18. Hotels, conference centers	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N	N	N
19. Restaurant seating under 75 persons	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*Y	N	N	N
20. Restaurant seating 75 or more persons	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*PA	N	N	N
21. Lounges	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	SP/Z	N	N	N
22. Boarding house	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	*SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	N
23. Wholesale business and storage in a roofed structure with less than 2500 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	PA	PA	PA	N	PA
24. Wholesale business and storage in a roofed structure with 2500 or more sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	PA	N	PA	N	PA
25. Veterinary office, animal hospital	N	SP/Z	N	N	S/Z	*Y	SP/Z	N	N	PA
26. Commercial kennel	N	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z	*SP/Z	N	N	N	N
27. Truck stops	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N
28. Plumbing, electrical or carpentry shop	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	PA	N	N	PA
29. Printing, binding, publishing and related arts and trades with less than 2500 sq. ft. of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	PA	SP/Z	N	PA
30. Printing, binding, publishing and related arts and trades with 2500 sq. ft. or more of floor space	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	PA
31. Motor vehicle service station, motor vehicle repair shop	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	PA
32. Motor vehicle salvage	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	N	N

33. Motor vehicle sales and rental	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/Z	N	N	N
34. Commercial transportation	N	N	N	N	N	PA	PA	PA	N	PA
35. Theater, except outdoor movie theater	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/Z	N	N	N
36. Funeral establishment	SP/Z	SP/Z	N	N	N	*PA	PA	N	N	N
37. Bowling alley	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/Z	N	N	N
38. Roller skating rink	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/Z	N	N	N
39. Amusement arcades	N	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	*SP/Z	N	N	N
40. Indoor sports facilities including health fitness membership facilities	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*PA	N	N	PA
41. Public parking areas and garages	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	PA	N	N	N
42. Meeting halls, places of assembly, club conducted for profit	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	*PA	N	N	N
43. Telephone exchange	N	N	N	N	N	*Y	PA	N	N	N
44. Store for retail sale and distribution of lumber and building materials wherein the merchandise is stored in the open, provided that all merchandise is screened from ground level view from any abutting residential (use) property	N	N	N	N	SP/Z	*Y	*SP/Z	N	N	N

SECTION VII

7.2Site Plan Approval

7.20Purpose

The purpose of Site Plan Approval is to ensure that the design and layout of new developments comply with the purpose and intent of this Zoning Bylaw and do not result in a detriment to the neighborhood, environment or community.

7.21 Project Requiring Site Plan Approval

7.210 No Special Permit or building permit shall be issued for any of the following uses:

a. new construction or * exterior additions to a commercial structure;

b. new construction or * exterior additions to an industrial structure;

c. new construction or * exterior additions to a multiple-dwelling structure in a Multiple Dwelling Residential District (MDR); or

d. any other use specified in Section 3.1 Schedule of Uses Regulations, which indicates that Site Plan Approval is required,

unless a site plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board in accord with Sec. 7.233a., after consultation with other Boards, including but not limited to the following: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Town Engineer, Board of Water Commissioners (if applicable), Board of Sewer Commissioners (if applicable), Historical Commission, Fire Department, Police Department, and Building Inspector.

* Exterior Additions: An addition to a pre-existing structure which results in an increase in the building footprint or the height of the building.

7.211 The Planning Board may, in appropriate cases, waive strict compliance with such portions of the Site Plan Approval Bylaw where such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this Bylaw. **

7.22 Exemptions from Site Plan Approval

Site Plan Approval shall not be required for:

a. the construction or enlargement of any single-family or two-family dwelling, or building accessory to such dwelling;

b. the construction or alteration of any building used exclusively for agriculture, horticulture or floriculture;

c. construction or alteration providing for not more than two hundred (200) sq. ft. total floor area after construction; or

d. customary home occupations as described in Sec. 7.0 of this Bylaw.

**e. uses permitted as or right in Sec. 3.1 Schedule of Uses Regulations.

7.23 Procedures for Site Plan Approval

7.231 A review fee shall be charged for each Site Plan Approval application in order to cover expenses connected with processing, review and any public meeting costs associated with the review of the Site Plan. The fee charged shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

** — $50.00, plus the actual costs of advertisement and mailings and professional engineering and/or planning review services, for each application proposing construction or alteration or for each modification or alteration of an approved Site Plan.

The full cost of any Town Engineering or planning consultant services shall be paid by the applicant before any Site Plan Approval becomes effective.

7.232 Each application for Site Plan Approval shall contain the current owner -of-record's signed permission and shall be accompanied by ten (10) copies of the Site Plan twelve (12) copies if review by the Water District and the Sewer Commission is necessary. Failure of boards and ** officials to make recommendations to the Planning Board within 14 days of the application filing date, shall be deemed to be a lack of opposition. Any Board or official may waive the 14 day period by so indicating on the application.

7.233 Period of Review

a. All Applications for Site Plan Approval shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall, within thirty-five ** (35) days of application ** filing date, take final action in accordance with Sec. 7.26 or make a determination pursuant to Sec. 7.233 (b) that a public meeting is necessary. If a public meeting or a public hearing is determined to be necessary, the Planning Board shall hold a public meeting ** (a scheduled Planning Board meeting), or hearing within ** seventy (70) days of the receipt of the application, and after consideration of the application and recommendations of the boards and officials, if any, noted ** in Section 7.210, and shall take final action not later than the next regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting, but in no event not later than seventy (70) days after the application filing date, subject to the right of the Planning Board to deny any application for which it has not been able to obtain review/advice unless the applicant agrees to a thirty (30) day extension period.

b. The Planning Board may determine that a public meeting for a Site Plan is necessary when the impacts of the proposed uses would:

— affect traffic circulation adversely;

— impact environmental resources such as surface or ground waters;

— result in extensive earth removal and change of grades;

— affect significantly the capability of public infrastructure such as sewer or water service provision.

7.24 Required Site Plan Contents

7.241 All Site Plans shall be prepared by an architect, landscape architect, or professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts on standard 24" by 36" sheets unless these requirements are waived by the Planning Board. ** ** Site Plans shall be prepared at a sufficient scale to show:

a. The location and boundaries of the lot, adjacent streets and ways, and the location and owners' names of all adjacent properties.

b. Existing and proposed topography, including contours, the location of wetlands, streams, water bodies, drainage swales, areas subject to flooding, and unique natural features.

c. Existing and proposed structures, including dimensions and elevations.

d. The location of parking and loading areas, driveways, walkways, access and egress points.

e. The location and description of all proposed septic systems, water supply, storm drainage systems, utilities, and other waste disposal and storage methods.

f. Existing and proposed stormwater runoff calculations and control plan.

g. Proposed landscape features including the location and description of screening, fencing and plantings.

h. The location, dimensions, height, and characteristics of proposed signs.

i. The location and a description of proposed open or recreation areas.

7.242 For applications for *new construction or *exterior additions totaling more than 20,000 sq. ft. of floor area requiring a public meeting, the plan shall describe estimated average daily and peak hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and from the site and adequate circulation within the site.

7.243 A statement and description of all state and local traffic permits as required under the respective laws and requirements.

7.244 All proposals within an Industrial or Light Industrial District shall also address impacts on air quality, noise, and the use, storage, disposal, or the production of hazardous substances.

7.245 The Planning Board may require additional information to adequately evaluate the proposed ** Site Plan. Any information the Planning Board judges to be unnecessary to the review of a particular plan may be waived.

7.25 Site Plan Approval Criteria Guidelines

7.251 The following guidelines shall be used as criteria by the aforementioned boards and officials noted in Sec. 7.210 in the review and evaluation of a Site Plan, consistent with a reasonable use of the site for the purposes permitted or permissible by the regulations of the district in which it is located:

a. If the proposal requires a Special Permit, it must conform to the Special Permit requirements as listed in Sec. 12.2 of this Bylaw.

b. The development shall be integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, and all be designed to protect abutting properties and community amenities. Building sites shall to the extent feasible: 1) minimize use of wetlands, steep slopes, flood plains and hill tops; 2) minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; 3) preserve unique natural or historic features; 4) minimize tree, vegetation and soil removal and grade changes; 5) maximize open space retention; and, 6) screen objectionable features, such as direct lighting, utility structures, outdoor storage, or other such features from neighboring properties and roadways.

c. The development shall be served with adequate water supply and waste disposal systems. For structures to be served by on-site waste disposal systems, the applicant shall submit a septic system design prepared by a Certified Engineer and approved by the Board of Health.

d. The plan shall maximize the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent ways.

e. The Site Plan shall show adequate measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, to minimize erosion and sedimentation, and to prevent changes in groundwater levels, increased runoff and potential for flooding. Drainage shall be designed so that run-off shall not be increased, groundwater recharge is maximized, and neighboring properties will not be adversely affected.

f. Exposed storage areas, machinery, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures and other unsightly uses shall be setback or screened to protect the neighbors from these objectionable features.

g, The Site Plan shall comply with all zoning requirements for parking, loading, dimensions, environmental performance standards, and all other provisions of this Bylaw.

7.252 Before approval of a Site Plan, the Planning Board may request the applicant to make modifications in the proposed design of the project to ensure that the above criteria are met.

7.26 Final Action

7.261 The Planning Board's final action shall consist of either:

a. A determination that the proposed project meets the criteria of Sec. 7.25 for Site Plan Approval, stating the specific manner and criteria in which the proposed project conforms to this Bylaw.

b. A written denial of the application stating the reasons by which the submitted application and Site Plan are incomplete for sufficient review by the Planning Board and/or its agents; or

c. Approval subject to any condition, modifications, and restrictions as the Planning Board may deem necessary.

7.262 The Planning Board's decision shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant ** and shall be filed with the Town Clerk within seven (7) days of the date of the final determination by the Planning Board, pertaining to any such plan approval. A copy shall also be sent to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Office.

** 7.263 deleted

7.27 Enforcement

7.271 The Planning Board ** may require the posting of a performance guarantee in the form of a savings passbook or deposit of money made out to the Town of Belchertown, in an amount determined by the Planning Board to be sufficient to cover the costs of all or any part of the improvements required per the approved Site Plan and outstanding conditions affecting: - public facilities such as roads or drainage; or - public health, safety or general welfare. The Planning Board, through the action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, may suspend any license or permit when work is not performed as required.

7.272 The Building Inspector shall not issue a Certificate of Occupancy Permit until all work is completed as approved, or a performance guarantee is posted with the Town Treasurer.

7.28 Modification of an Approved Site Plan

7.281 In the event that the applicant desires to alter, modify or correct an approved Site Plan, the applicant shall provide the Planning Board with:

a) A written statement, signed by the applicant and property owner requesting such changes;

b) Seven (7) prints of the original approved Site Plan with the changes drawn on said plan in red; and

c) Other documentation deemed necessary by the Board for their review of the proposed modification.

7.282 Minor amendments to the approved Site Plan may be granted by the Planning Board, ** upon application and for good cause shown and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to initial approval of a Site Plan. The Board may require a continued public meeting in accord with the provisions of Sec. 7.233 if it considers the impact of the proposed modification to be of a magnitude that is detrimental to the neighborhood, community or environment.

7.283 The Planning Board ** shall file its decision on the alteration, modification or corrections to an approved Site Plan with the Town Clerk, and send a copy by certified mail to the applicant. The Planning Board shall notify the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer of its Site Plan amendment decision.

7.29 Appeals and Expiration

7.291 Decisions on Site Plan applications reviewed by ** the Planning Board ** may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with S.12.10 of this Bylaw and with Ch. 40A, Sec. 8 and 15, G.L. Decisions on Site Plans reviewed by a Special Permit Granting Authority as part of a Special Permit application may be appealed to Superior Court in accordance with C. 40A, Sec. 17, G.L.

7.292 Site Plan Approval issued under this section of the Bylaw shall expire within two (2) years if a substantial use thereof is not commenced except for good cause.

7.3 Site Plan Review

7.30 Purpose

The purpose of Site Plan Review is to ensure that the design and layout of specific types of development comply with the purpose and intent of this Zoning Bylaw and not result in a detriment to the neighborhood, environment or community.

7.31 Projects Requiring Site Plan Review

7.310 All for profit educational or municipal activities involving construction or exterior alterations.

7.311 Any other use specified in Sec. 3.1 Schedule of Use Regulations, which indicates Site Plan Review is required.

7.32 Exemption from Site Plan Review

7.321 All procedures as stated in Sec. 7.22 and Sec 7.245 shall apply to this section.

7.33 Procedures for Site Plan Review

7.331 All procedures as stated in Sec. 7.231 through Sec. 7.233 shall apply to this section.

7.34 Required Site Plan Contents

7.341 Same as Sec. 7.24.

7.35 Site Plan Review Criteria

7.351 Same as Sec. 7.25.

7.36 Final Action

7.361 The Planning Board's final action shall consist of either:

a) A determination that the proposed project is in compliance with all regulations permitted under M.G.L., Ch. 40A, S. 3, as amended;

b) Denial of the Site Plan based upon a determination that insufficient information was submitted with the application in order for the Board to adequately review the proposal; or

c) Approval subject to any conditions, modifications and restrictions as the Planning Board may deem necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $10,000.00 to be used as matching funds for the treatment of Lake Metacomet (1995 Lake and Pond Small Grant Program).

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17. Voted to amend Article 6 of the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding:

Piling Snow Onto A Town Way

6-4-1 No person other than an employee in the service of the Town or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Town shall pile, push or plow snow or ice onto a Town way so as to impede the flow of traffic on such way.

6-4-2 Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of fifty ($50.00) dollars.

6-4-3 This By-Law is enforced under MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D and shall be enforced by the Director of Public Works or a Police Officer.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18. Voted to appropriate from the Tree Warden Wage account the sum of $4,500.00 to the Tree Warden Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. Voted to accept a Town By-Law entitled "Non-Criminal Disposition", which reads as follows:

Non-Criminal Disposition

Any By-law of the Town of Belchertown, or rule or regulation of its Officers, Boards or Departments, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may in the discretion of the Town official who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced by the method provided in Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The non-criminal fine for each such violation, if not otherwise specified, shall by fifty ($50.00) dollars.

"Enforcing person" as used in this By-law, shall mean any Police Officer of the Town of Belchertown with respect to any offense; and the Building Inspector and his designees, the members of the Conservation Commission and its designees, the members of the Board of Health and its designees, and the Dog Officers, and such other officials as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate, each with respect to violation of By-laws and rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

Without intending to limit the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of this provision that the following By-laws, rules and regulations are to be included within the scope of this section, that the specific penalties as listed herein shall apply in such cases and that in addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, the municipal personnel listed for each section, if any, shall also be enforcing persons for such sections. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

Building Inspector
Article 3 of Town By-laws

Section 3-7-2:	Street numbering:
Fine Allowed:	$50.00

Enforcement Agent: Building Inspector
Police Officers
Fire Chief
Fine Schedule: $50.00 each offense

Public Safety and Order
Article 7 of Town By-laws

Section 7-4-1: Excavations on private land:
Fine Allowed: $200.00 per day
Enforcement Agent: Zoning Enforcement Officer
Fine Schedule: $200.00 per day

Wetlands Protection By-law
(Adopted 05/13/89)

Fine Allowed: $100.00
Enforcement Agent: Conservation Commission Member
Conservation Administrator
Police Officer
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $50.00
Second Offense*: $100.00
*or failure to recognize ticket

Dog Control
Article 11 of Town By-laws

Section 4: Failure to have kennel license if owner of five (5) or more dogs over six (6) months of age:
Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $25.00
Second Offense: $35.00
Third Offense $50.00

Section 5: Failure to properly license a dog over six (6) months of age:
Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $10.00
Second Offense: $25.00
Third Offense $50.00

Section 5: Running at Large:
Fine Allowed: $20.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $10.00
Second Offense: $15.00
Third Offense $20.00

Section 5: Chasing Pedestrian, Bicycle or any Vehicle:
Fine Allowed: $30.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $10.00
Second Offense: $20.00
Third Offense $30.00

Section 5: Excessive Barking:
Fine Allowed: $25.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $5.00
Second Offense: $15.00
Third Offense $25.00

Section 5: Worrying Domestic Animals:
Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $10.00
Second Offense: $25.00
Third Offense $50.00

Section 5: Viscous Dog:
Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agents: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $25.00
Second Offense: $50.00
Third Offense $50.00

Section 7: Removal of Dog Waste:
Fine Allowed: $15.00
Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $5.00
Second Offense: $10.00
Third Offense $15.00

Zoning Violations

Section 12.011 (Applies to violations to Zoning By-law and decisions made by the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Approved at Annual Town Meeting on 05/14/90, as Section IX, A. 8. and 9.):

Fine Allowed: $100.00
Enforcement Agent: Zoning Enforcement Officer
Fine Schedule: $100.00 each offense

Regulation for Private Wells

(in addition to obtaining required permit)
Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agent: Board of Health or its Agents
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $25.00
Second Offense* $50.00
*or failure to rectify first offense within thirty (30) days

Regulation Regarding Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems

(local additions to Title V of the State Environmental Code)
Fine Allowed: $100.00
Enforcement Agent: Board of Health or its Agents
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $25.00 per day
Second Offense: $50.00 per day
Third Offense* $100.00 per day
*or subsequent offense

Regulation Requiring References and Testing of Septic System Installers Prior to Licensure by the Belchertown Board of Health

(in addition to obtaining required license)
Fine Allowed: $100.00
Enforcement Agent: Board of Health or its Agents
Fine Schedule: First Offense: $25.00
Second Offense: $50.00
Third Offense*: $100.00
*or subsequent offense

Regulations Prohibiting Illegal Dumping

Fine Allowed: $25.00 per day, each day violation remains unabated by offender
Enforcement Agent: Board of Health or its Agents
DPW Director
Fine Schedule: $25.00 per day, each day violation remains unabated by offender constitutes a separate Offense

Unregistered Motor Vehicles
Article 8-1-5 of Town By-laws

Fine Allowed: $5.00 per day
Enforcement Agent: Zoning Enforcement Officer
Fine Schedule: $5.00 per day

Piling Snow Onto A Town Way

Fine Allowed: $50.00
Enforcement Agent: Police Officer
DPW Director
Fine Schedule: $50.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 10:20 p.m.

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action Taken at the Special Town Meeting Held May 8, 1995 at Belchertown High School

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.
Registered voters present - 77 (quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to appropriate from the Workers' Compensation account the sum of $32.77 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Fresh Pond Radiology	$29.00
Belchertown Pharmacy	3.77

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to appropriate from the Workers' Compensation account the sum of $8,520.00 to the School #4000 account for the operation of the pumping station at the Belchertown State School.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to appropriate from the Snow Removal Expense account the sum of $14,500.00 to the Road machinery Expense Capital Equipment account for the purchase of a used sweeper.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to appropriate from the Computing/Purchasing Director Salary account the sum of $1,266.00 to the Computing/Purchasing Director Wage account and appropriate the sum of $1,160.00 from the Computing/Purchasing Director Capital Eqiupment account to the Computing/Purchasing Director Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of $250.00 to the Conservation Commission Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from the Workers' Compensation account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Selectmen's Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:18 p.m.

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action Taken at the
Annual Town Meeting
Held May 8, 1995
at Belchertown High School

Moderator - Joseph R. White
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Registered voters present - 238 (quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Girl Scouts led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the National Anthem sung by Bertha Loftus.

The following awards were given:

To Joseph R. White —Golden Gavel Plaque
for his 20 years of service as Town Moderator
To Kevin Brown —Employee of the Year Award
To Police Officer Roy Bergeron —Medal of Valor Award
presented by Chief Robert Knight,
in recognition of his heroic efforts by extricating
a man from a burning house on April 8, 1995
To Officer Roy Bergeron
and Acting Fire Chief Edward Bock —Certificates
showing Town appreciation for their efforts
as Public Safety Officials at the house fire
on April 8, 1995
To Melissa Michaud,
Pat Sheridan &
Pat Mitchell —Volunteers of the Year Award
in recognition of their efforts in establishing the
Teen Center at the Old Town Hall
To Casimir (Boots) Owczarski —Citizen of the Year Award
in recognition of his many years of service
to the Town in various capacities, among them
as a member of the Board of Assessors
and the Council On Aging.

ARTICLE 1. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year, and Sylvia C. Conkey as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee (Verbal reports were given from the EDIC, the High School Building Study Committee, and the Quabbin Health District Study Committee.)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to withdraw Belchertown from the Quabbin Health District pursuant to Section 27A of Chapter 111 of the General Laws.

(Vote: Yes: 92; No: 88)
(Majority Yes)
Rescinded - see Art 13 of STM 10/2/95)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article, the following took place:

1) After considerable discussion, a vote of Yes: 176, No: 5 cut off debate.

2) An amendment to "take no action" does not prevail by a vote of Yes: 74, No: 99.

3) More discussion, followed by a vote of Yes: 154, No: 27 to cut off debate.)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$9.29
Cemetery Commissioners	10.00
Board of Health Members	6.36

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved Town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to hire their own equipment for the upcoming fiscal year at hourly rates which include the operator not exceeding the following:

MF 50 Tractor & attachments	$40.00
MF 20C Tractor Loader-Backhoe	45.00
6 yard Dump Truck	35.00
16" Wood Chipper	35.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of excess Town property on such terms and conditions as they may deem appropriate consistent with any general law or regulation.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to increase the cost of a Cemetery grave to the sum of $250.00 to be apportioned as follows: $100.00 for the grave and $150.00 for Perpetual Care.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account the sum of $1,360.00 to the Cemetery Commissioners Lot Development account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $200,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $25,800.00 to purchase a parcel of land at the corner of Maple and Main Streets as further described in a plan entitled MASONIC LODGE PROPERTY PROPOSED LAYOUT ALTERATION prepared by Champagne Associates, P.C. dated October 24, 1994, consisting of .03 acres +/-, as appearing in FSI Appraisal Co., Inc., Self Contained Appraisal of Real Estate located at 1 Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts, dated February 1, 1995, (portion of Assessors Map 10C, Parcel 123), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such portion of said parcel as in their discretion is appropriate for general municipal purposes upon such terms as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate.

(Vote: No: 2; Yes: at least 15, so Majority Yes)
(2/3rds required = 11)

ARTICLE 15. Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $50,000.00 as a Town share match for a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund for the repair of the Clapp Memorial Library roof.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the meeting, a motion to reconsider Article 3 was denied since the requesting party had not voted on the prevailing side.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $15,900.00 for the purchase of Commercial Mowers and a Landscape Trailer for use by the Department of Public Works.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

> Delete in its entirety the first paragraph of **SECTION 3. PERSONNEL BOARD** and replace with:
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> **SECTION 3. PERSONNEL BOARD**
>
> There shall be a Personnel Board, consisting of five (5) members to be appointed by the Moderator, each member to serve for a three-year term, expiring on June 30 of the third fiscal year after their appointment except that effective on July 1, 1995 one member shall be appointed for a two-year term and two members for a three-year term. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Moderator. The members shall serve without compensation. The Personnel Board shall elect a chairman and a clerk.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18. Voted to amend the Town By-Law, as previously amended, by accepting the following By-Law:

"Unless otherwise provided by a vote of Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen pursuant to G.L. c.30B is authorized to enter into any contract for the exercise of the Town's corporate powers, on such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate, including length of contract, Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen shall not contract for any purpose, on any terms, or under any conditions inconsistent with any applicable provision of any general or special law."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (a) Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $772,654.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,168,994.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,067,461.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $490,184.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Prior to the final vote on this subsection, an amendment was made to increase the "Operaiton & maintenance to $441,347.00, making a total of $537,817.00, $47,633.00 of which would be taken from the Stabilization Fund." This amendment failed by a vote of Yes—51, No—56.)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (f) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $358,900.00 and appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $163,100.00 for a total appropriation of $522,000.00 to the Highway Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $81,752.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $100,000.00 for a total appropriation of $181,752.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,953.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $200,000.00 for a total appropriation of $260,953.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,333.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of $2,000.00 for a total appropriation of $19,333.00 to the Conservation Committee, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to the Historical Commission and raise and appropriate the sum of $348.00 to the Historical District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $184,758.00 to the Human Services departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $251,489.00 and appropriate from Off-set receipts the sum of $45,000.00 for a total appropriation of $269,489.00 for Culture and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (m) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $163,738.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (n) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $869,770.00 to the Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (o) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,660.00 to the Unclassified accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. (p) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,279,885.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 20. Voted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Special Education Students, which fund shall be credited with receipts of tuition payments from non-resident special education students and shall be under the authority and direction of the School Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $45,000.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 21. Voted to accept the following named way within the Town of Belchertown:

Henry Drive, as shown on an "As Built" known as "Hidden Valley Estates" and provided by Lewis & Cook Surveyors, Inc., Dated July 21, 1994 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 3122, page 210.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 22. On the motion - to amend the "Agreement Among the Towns of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District," as previously amended, in the manner printed in this Town Meeting Warrant -

a Majority No Vote defeated the Article.

(If approved this Article would have admitted Granby into the District, and without being assessed an annual surcharge for partial reimbursement of the original member Towns for their payment of capital costs on account of the original regional District school building.)

ARTICLE 23. Voted to accept an easement for recreational and/or economic development purposes and/or for the purpose of the conveyance in the B&M Railroad right of way between Goodell Street and Federal Street in Belchertown, as defined on the Corrective Deed of Easement, dated the 8th day of August 1994, said easement given by Susan T. Remillard, d/b/a Remco Builders as recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 4532, Page 252, said easement to be under the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen and authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant, assign and convey same to the Belchertown EDIC, its successors, and assigns, to use on behalf of the Town in a manner consistent with the stated purposes of the easement.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 24. Voted to accept M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 57 and to amend its fee By-Law by Numbering and Titling it:

ARTICLE 14. ENFORCEMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARGES THROUGH LICENSING

And amend to add under b, after the words "tax collector" in the first sentence the following:

"or any license or permit with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or other matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges"

so that the paragraph b. will read:

"The Licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or any license or permit with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or other matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate whose owner has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or any other municipal charges; provided, however that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice.

Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended, or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the licensing authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the Town of Belchertown as of the date of issuance of said certificate."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 25. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN AND THE BELCHERTOWN WATER DISTRICT FOR USE OF DIAGLE WELL SUPPLY AND PUMPING FACILITIES #1024000-05G as shown on file with the Town Clerk. (See copy of Agreement at end of these minutes)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 26. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Section VI: GENERAL REGULATIONS

Add the following to 6.020:

"For the purpose of this subsection, any alteration to the interior of a pre-existing nonconforming structure made solely for the purpose of accommodating a change in or to a conforming use shall be deemed to not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure and shall be allowable as a matter of right provided, however, that such interior alterations comply with all other applicable requirements of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 27. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following described manner:

Under Section IV, delete Section 4.32 Uses by Special Permit in its entirety (including subsections) and replace with:

4.32 Mixed Uses

Mixed uses are permitted within the Historic Village Protection District (HVP). As defined herein, a mixed use shall constitute the use of a structure and combines a business use or uses within the B-1 zoning district of the HVP with a residential use or uses. Business uses shall include those allowed in the B-1 zoning district according to Section III Use Regulations of the Zoning By-Law.

and

Under Section IV, delete the last sentence of 4.33 Non-Conforming Uses and add the following paragraph:

"For the purpose of this subsection, any alteration to the interior of a pre-existing nonconforming structure made solely for the purpose of accommodating a change in or to a conforming use shall be deemed to not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconforming structure and shall be allowable as a matter of right provided, however, that such interior alterations comply with all other applicable requirements of the Town."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 11:00 p.m.

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 1995
FY96

Article #	Budget or Department		Total Appropri-ation	From Tax Levey	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Free Cash
1-9.	None		—	—	—	—	—
10.	From Sale of Lots acct. to Cemetery Lot Dev. acct.		1,360.00	—	—	1,360.00	—
11.	Assessors-Legal Counsel, Resolving court tax cases		100.00	100.00	—	—	—
12.	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use		30,000.00	30,000.00	—	—	—
13.	To Stabilization Fund		200,000.00	—	—	—	200,000.00
14.	Purchase land corner Maple & Main Streets		25,800.00	—	—	—	25,800.00
15.	Repair of Cl. Mem. Lib. roof		50,000.00	—	50,000.00	—	—
16.	Purchase mowers etc. for use by DPW		15,900.00	—	—	—	15,900.00
17-18.	None		—		—	—	—
19.	Itemized Budgets						
	(a) None		—	—	—	—	—
	(b) General Government	(Total)	772,654.00				
	1. Moderator,	Salary	—	25.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—
	2. Selectmen,	Salary	—	6,300.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	2,500.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	6,529.00	—	—	—
	3. Executive Secretary,	Salary	—	48,622.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	6,355.00	—	—	—
	4. Town Account., Admin. Secretary,	Salary	—	39,553.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	76,066.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	18,250.00	—	—	—
		Out of St. Travel	—	1,200.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equip.	—	0.00	—	—	—
	5. Town Clerk	Salary	—	10,077.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	32,800.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	4,615.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector,	Salary	—	26,119.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	88,590.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	69,783.00	—	—	—
	7. M.I.S./Purchasing Dir.,	Salary	—	33,500.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	5,000.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	6,010.00	—	—	—
		Out of State Travel	—	450.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
	8. Bd. of Assessors,	Assessors (Board)	—	3,200.00	—	—	—
		Assessors Salary	—	30,447.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	80,688.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	27,750.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
		Field Review Update	—	4,500.00	—	—	—
	9. Law Account, Fees		—	51,300.00	—	—	—
	10. Finance Committee,	Wages	—	0.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	210.00	—	—	—

11.	Election & Registration,	Salary	—	300.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	8,500.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	5,125.00	—	—	—
12.	Planning Board,	Salary	—	0.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	14,525.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	3,965.00	—	—	—
13.	Board of Appeals,	Wages	—	2,800.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—
14.	Personnel Board,	Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—
15.	Economic Development I.C., Expenses		—	55,000.00	—	—	—
16.	Rail Trail Committee, Expenses		—	1,500.00	—	—	—
	(c) Protection of Persons & Property		(Total) 1,168,944.00				
17.	Police Department,	Salary	—	49,538.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	688,129.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	112,815.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
18.	Ambulance Service,	Wages	—	50,860.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	8,850.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
19.	Fire Department,	Salary (Chief)	—	36,609.00	—	—	—
		Salary (Asst. Chief)	—	2,600.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	50,032.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	49,675.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	3,600.00	—	—	—
		Out of State Travel	—	500.00	—	—	—
20.	Hydrant Service,	Expenses	—	20,604.00	—	—	—
21.	Dog Officer,	Salary (Dog Officer)	—	1,200.00	—	—	—
		Salary (Asst. Dog Officer)	—	600.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	7,240.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	4,040.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
22.	Inspection Services	Salary	—	30,447.00	—	—	—
		Wages	—	40,482.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	10,403.00	—	—	—
		Capital Equipment	—	0.00	—	—	—
23.	Civil Defense,	Wages	—	350.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	420.00	—	—	—
24.	Insect/Pest Control,	Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—
25.	Dutch Elm Diseases,	Wages	—	0.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—
26.	Tree Warden,	Wages	—	0.00	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—
	(d)Town School Department		(Total) 10,067,461.00				
27.	Administration		—	253,168.00	—	—	—
—	Instruction		—	6,477,959.00	—	—	—
—	Other School Services		—	894,602.00	—	—	—
—	Operation & Maintenance		—	1,062,896.00	—	—	—
—	Insurance Programs		—	833,800.00	—	—	—
	Fixed Assets			5,800.00	—	—	—
—	Programs with Other Schools		—	539,236.00	—	—	—
	(e)Regional School Dept., Pathfinder		(Total) 490,184.00				
28.	Operation & Maintenance		—	393,714.00	—	—	—
	Capital/Bond Issue Share		—	58,588.00	—	—	—
—	Share of Other Programs		—	7,772.00	—	—	—
—	Transportation Share		—	30,110.00	—	—	—

(f)Highway Department		(Total) 522,000.00					
29. Highways-Personnel	Salary		—	43,008.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	45,262.00	—	—	—
	Uniforms		—	3,250.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	400.00	—	—	—
30. Snow Removal,	Expenses		—	70,000.00	—	—	—
31. Road Machinery,	Expenses		—	55,700.00	—	—	—
	Capital Equipment		—	0.00	—	—	—
32. Construction Materials,	Expenses		—	19,000.00	—	—	—
33. Hired Services,	Expenses		—	37,000.00	—	—	—
34. Street Lighting,	Expenses		—	29,000.00	—	—	—
35. Streets,	Expenses		—	40,000.00	—	—	—
36. Professional Engineering,	Expenses		—	5,500.00	—	—	—
37. Town Garage,	Expenses		—	10,080.00	—	—	—
(g)Landfill Enterprise Fund		(Total) 181,752.00					
38.	Wages		—	54,727.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	15,025.00	—	100,000.00 (Landfill rcts)	—
	Refuse District		—	0.00	—	—	—
	Hazardous Waste Day		—	12,000.00	—	—	—
(h) Sewer Enterprise Fund		(Total) 260,953.00					
39. Salary			—	0.00	—	—	—
Wages			—	—	—	83,072.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
Expenses			—	5,327.00	—	116,928.00 (Sewer rcts)	—
Capital Equipment			—	0.00	—	—	—
Maturing Debt			—	48,554.00	—	—	—
Maturing Debt Interest			—	7,072.00	—	—	—
(i) Conservation Commission		(Total) 19,333.00					
40. Wages			—	14,353.00	—	2,000.00 (Wetlands hearings fees)	
Expenses			—	2,980.00	—	—	—
(j)Historical Commission/District		(Total) 598.00					
41. Historical Commission,	Expenses		—	250.00	—	—	—
42. Historical District,	Expenses		—	348.00	—	—	—
(k)Human Services Departments		(Total) 184,758.00					
43. Board of Health,	Salaries		—	1,725.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	8,165.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	4,775.00	—	—	—
44. Council On Aging,,	Salary		—	27,180.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	51,505.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	26,964.00	—	—	—
45. Veterans' Services,	Agent Salary		—	5,200.00	—	—	—
	Agent Expenses		—	600.00	—	—	—
	Veterans' Benefits		—	27,200.00	—	—	—
46. Veterans Graves,	Expenses			620.00	—	—	—
47. Cemetery Commissioners,	Salary		—	1,650.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	12,000.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	16,974.00	—	—	—
48. Mobile Home Rent Cont. Bd., Wages			—	0.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	200.00	—	—	—
(l) Culture and Recreation		(Total) 296,489.00					
50. Clapp Memorial Library,	Salary		—	30,944.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	64,386.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	36,793.00	—	—	—
	Capital Equipment		—	0.00	—	—	—
51. Parks, Bch. & Rec.,	Salary		—	27,180.00	—	—	—
	Wages		—	42,405.00	—	—	—

	Expenses	—	13,656.00	—	—	—
52. Parks, Bch. & Rec. Offset Receipts Wages & Expenses		—	15,800.00		45,000.00 (Off-set rcts)	—
53. Parks & Recreation Town Beach, Wages & Expenses		—	15,325.00	—	—	—
54. Old Town Hall, Expenses		—	5,000.00	—	—	—
(m) Buildings & Grounds	(Total)	163,738.00				
55. Maintenance/Grndskeeper,	Salary	—	29,980.00	—	—	—
	Wages	—	69,434.00	—	—	—
	Expenses		22,184.00	—	—	—
	Capital Equip.	—	0.00	—	—	—
56. Law. Mem. Hall,	Expenses	—	33,290.00	—	—	—
57. Town Common,	Expenses	—	1,250.00	—	—	—
58. Town Clock,	Wages	—	400.00	—	—	—
59. Police Station,	Expenses	—	7,200.00	—	—	—
(n) Pensions & Insurance	(Total)	869,770.00				
60. General Insurance,	Expenses	—	152,473.00	—	—	—
61. Unemployment Insurance,	Expenses	—	2,000.00	—	—	—
62. Workers Comp. Insurance,	Expenses	—	34,403.00	—	—	—
63. Health Insurance,	Expenses	—	253,000.00	—	—	—
64. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		—	1,200.00	—	—	—
65. FICA-Medicare-Town Sh., Expenses		—	21,000.00	—	—	—
66. Pensions, Expenses		—	405,694.00	—	—	—
(o) Unclassified Accounts	(Total)	45,600.00				
67. Patriotic Exercises,	Expenses	—	300.00	—	—	—
68. Printing Annual Reports,	Expenses	—	4,000.00	—	—	—
69. Unclassified Account,	Expenses	—	41,300.00	—	—	—
(p)Interest & Debt Accounts	(Total)	1,279,885.00				
70. Interest,	Expenses	—	667,155.00	—	—	—
71. Maturing Debt,	Expenses	—	612,730.00	—	—	—
20.Revolving fund for Special Education Students		45,000.00	—	—	45,000.00	—
21-27. None			—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTALS		16,692,329.00	15,844,169.00	50,000.00	393,360.00	404,800.00

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town Election
May 15, 1995

Office	Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Moderator	*Terry Scott Nagel		138	92	117	347
1 year	All Others		2	0	0	2
		Blanks	35	32	32	99
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Selectmen	*W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		107	70	100	277
3 years	*Bernard R. Kubiak		135	86	97	318
	All Others		2	2	3	7
		Blanks	106	90	98	294
		Totals	350	248	298	896
School Committee	*Kathleen M. Beresky		125	89	100	314
3 years	All Others		2	0	0	2
		Blanks	48	35	49	132
		Totals	175	124	149	448
School Committee	Gerard H. Gould		42	53	57	152
1 year	*Edward R. Mitnick		131	69	92	292
		Blanks	2	2	0	4
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Planning Board	*James D. Hodgen		116	80	99	295
5 years	All Others		0	1	1	2
		Blanks	59	43	49	151
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Cemetery Commissioner	*David G. Hodgen		121	87	104	312
3 years		Blanks	54	37	45	136
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Housing Authority	*Louise M. Butler		134	98	114	346
5 years		Blanks	41	26	35	102
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Housing Authority	*Richard T. Kane		120	81	102	303
4 years		Blanks	55	43	47	145
		Totals	175	124	149	448
Board of Health	*David M. Haines		132	90	109	331
3 years	All Others		2	0	0	2
		Blanks	41	34	40	115
		Totals	175	124	149	448
County Commissioner	*Bernard R. Kubiak		138	92	103	333
2 years		Blanks	37	32	46	115
		Totals	175	124	149	448
	Votes cast on May 15, 1995		175	124 (7% voted)	149	448

Registered voters at Belchertown:	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	657	677	499	1833
Republican	260	340	313	913
Libertarian	2	0	1	3
Unenrolled	1207	1302	1254	3763
	2126	2319	2067	6512

Attest: William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

* denotes elected

Action Taken at the Special Town Meeting Held October 2, 1995 at Chestnut Hill Community School

FY96

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.
Registered voters present - 201 (quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,208.14 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Mirick, O'Connell, DeMallie & Lougee	$6,931.51
Kopelman & Paige, P.C.	3,871.33
LETN	288.00
Belchertown Auto Parts	117.30

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to appropriate from the 1994 Transportation Bond Issue the sum of $453,764.00 for the first apportionment and the sum of $453,765.00 for the second apportionment for a total of $907,529.00 for improvements on local roads pursuant to Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,985.00 to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,900.00 to the Computing/Purchasing Wage account and the sum of $5,000.00 to the Computing/Purchasing Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 5. On the Article - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to the Assessors Wage account, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $383,510.00 for the following capital expenditures:

Computer Hardware and Software	$59,505.00
Highway Garage Repair/Replace Gas Tanks	50,000.00
Highway Department Pickup w/Plow	21,800.00
Maintenance Building Completion	5,000.00
Landfill Capping	90,000.00
Cemetery Chain Link Fence	2,500.00
Fire Department - Chief's Vehicle	27,753.00
Fire Department - Refurbish Crewcab	5,915.00
Recreation Department - Bleachers	1,837.00
Planning Board - Typewriter	200.00
High School Roof Repair	119,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this Article the following took place:

1) An amendment offered by the Finance Committee to exclude Cemetery Chain Link Fence ($2,500.00) & Recreation Dept. - Bleachers ($1,837.00), thereby reducing Article total to $379,173.00 did not carry by a majority no vote.

2) An amendment: "ARTICLE 6 as previously unamended:

Except that the Planning Board will accept a typewriter from the Town Clerk's Office and the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate from additional funds an additional $3,500.00 for a PC Computer with word processing software and a laser printer for the Town Clerk's Office.

Also, the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $40,000.00 for computer hardware and software for the high school "did not carry by a majority no vote.

3) An amendment to strike the Fire Department Chief's Vehicle ($27,753.00) from the proposed Article failed by a vote of Yes: 34, No: 125. (Article total would have been $355,757.00)

4) Debate was closed by a unanimous yes vote.)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,600.00 for the purpose of Belchertown's share of restructuring the funding of the Hampshire County Health Insurance program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section 8. CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

add

G. Definition of "Pegged" Position. A position in which the rate of pay or pay grade is applicable to the incumbent only and not to any other employees of the same class or position. While in the "pegged" position, the employee will be eligible to receive any pay increases provided to other Town employees, but upon the leaving of the position by the incumbent, no one can fill that position at that rate of pay or grade.

and under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN:

add F: "PEGGED" RATE SCHEDULE (Hourly)

Secretary to Police Chief/Dispatch Supervisor	$15.3192
Assessors Department Assistant II	13.1334
Maintenance Worker	13.1334
Maintenance Worker	13.1334
Sr. Communications Dispatcher	12.6282
Communications Dispatcher	12.1612
Assistant Town Treasurer	12.1612
Assistant Town Collector	12.1612
Assistant Town Clerk	12.1612

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Belchertown to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass a Special Act which shall authorize, notwithstanding the provisions of any general law or special law or economic development plan to the contrary, the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation to acquire and hold land, easements and other interests in land for development for recreational purposes in said Town of Belchertown, and to convey such land, easements and other interests in land, in a developed or undeveloped condition as it deems appropriate to accomplish such purpose.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

add: The Board of Selectmen shall establish rules and regulations for the operation of the recycling center and transfer station and shall establish specific fines for violations thereof which shall be $25.00 per offense.

In addition to enforcement by complaint brought in the District Court, this By-Law may also be enforced by Non-Criminal Disposition pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D, and shall be enforced by the Director of Public Works or any Police Officer. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to amend the By-Law "Non-Criminal Disposition" to add the following language:

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE RECYCLING CENTER AND TRANSFER STATION

Enforcement Agent:	DPW Director Police Officer
Fine Schedule	$25.00 per offense

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $49,700.00 for the following Department of Public Works accounts to cover increases due to prevailing wage rate compliance:

Lawrence Memorial Hall	$800.00
Snow and Ice Control	25,050.00
Streets	2,800.00
Hired Services	2,800.00
Town Garages	250.00
Sewer Department	7,400.00
Sanitary Landfill	10,600.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to rescind the vote taken on Article 3 of the Annual Town Meeting on May 8, 1995 to withdraw from the Quabbin Health District, and voted to reaffirm the Town's intention to continue as an active member of the Quabbin Health District.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Yes: 99; No: 71)

(Before the final vote on the Article the following took place:

1) A motion to "vote by secret ballot" passed by a majority yes vote.

2) After lengthy debate on the Article itself and a short debate over cutting off the discussion, it was moved to reconsider the use of a secret ballot and such reconsideration passed by a vote of Yes: 97; No: 68.

3) On reconsidering voting by secret ballot, the secret ballot failed by a vote of Yes: 77; No: 94.

4) The question was then called.)

Meeting dissolved at 10:10 p.m.

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action Taken at the
Special Town Meeting
Held October 30, 1995
at Belchertown High School
FY96

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.
Registered voters present - 80 (quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $695,744.00 and appropriate from the Interest Account the sum of $304,256.00 for a total of $1,000,000.00 to reduce the amount of the temporary loan for the new elementary school.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2. On the Article - To see if the Town will vote to reduce the authorization for borrowing for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new elementary school, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

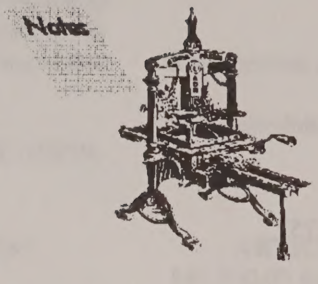
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 3. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the Treasury the sum of $300,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:47 p.m.

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk


Notes

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

To Report a FIRE:	**Fire Department**	**253-3433***
To Report an EMERGENCY:	**Police Department**	**323-6655***
To Call for an AMBULANCE	**Police Department:**	**323-6655***

*** We are scheduled for 911 service in mid-March, 1996. Notice will appear in the Sentinel.**

LOOKING FOR?	WHERE TO GET IT?	
Accounting/Town Payroll	Town Accountant	323-0403
Cable TV Complaints	Cable TV Advisory Committee c/o Board of Selectmen	323-0403
Cable TV Service	Amrac Cablevision	323-9203
Cemetery Plot	Town Clerk	323-0400
Birth and Death Certificates	Town Clerk	323-0400
Building, Gas, Electrical Permits	Building Inspector	323-0402
Burning Permits	Fire Department	323-7571
Dog Complaint	Dog Officer	323-6880
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Environmental Questions	Conservation Commission	323-0405
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Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
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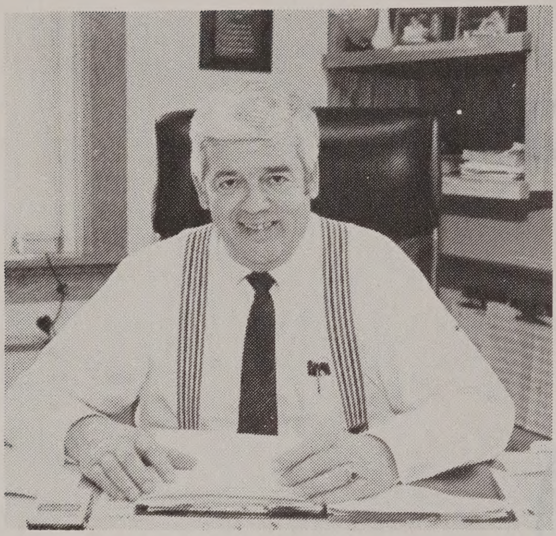

Finance Committee
1958-1963

Board of Selectmen
1965-1981

Executive Secretary
1981-1993

Economic Development
and Industrial Corporation
1993-1997

and a multitude of other boards and special projects

Gerry Whitlock had tremendous love for three things – his farm, his family, and his town, and he took care of each with passion and commitment. To say that he played a significant role in town government doesn't begin to describe the work to which he dedicated so much of his life.

He helped guide the town through every major transition it has faced since the 1960s. He was present when the Board of Selectmen went from three to five members and when the first woman was elected to the town's chief governing body. He saw the town transformed from a semi-rural village into a suburban community which, in fact, doubled in size in just twelve years.

Gerry Whitlock supervised the changeover from a largely volunteer town government to professionally managed departments. He helped the town adjust to the closing of the State School and championed its renewed use for municipal purposes. And it was Gerry the townspeople called upon to become Belchertown's first Executive Secretary – a personal transition, since he would then be taking direction from the same Board he chaired himself for so many years.

He was the one you called if a streetlight was out or Santa Claus was expected to make an appearance in the schools, but over the years he also made hundreds of trips to Boston on the town's behalf. And he always, *always* made it home in time to feed the cows!

Gerry Whitlock lived his life with heart, with humor, and with commitment.

We shall miss him greatly.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Linda Barron, Chairman
David Fredenburgh, Florine Neggers
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Bernard Kubiak

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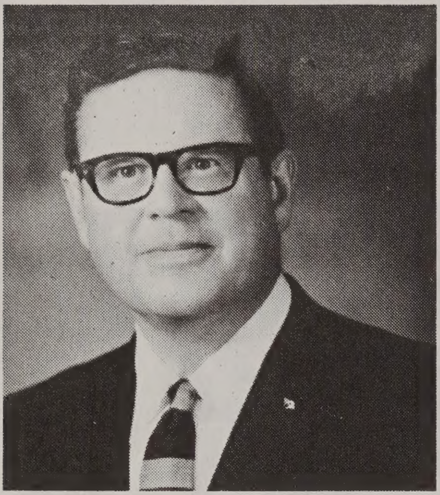


DR. KENNETH L. COLLARD

Dr. Kenneth Collard was the Town's only physician for many years and in private practice in Belchertown from 1949 to 1983.

He served on the Belchertown Board of Health and was a past chairman, as well as being a school doctor of the Belchertown School Systems.

He served as a past president of the Hampshire County Board of Health Associates, the Associate Medical Examiner of Hampshire County, was a member of the American Medical Society, and the Chief of Staff at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.

Dr. Collard served in the Army Medical Corps with a rank of Captain, belonged to the Melha Shrine Temple, was a past chairman of the Congregational Church Board of Trustees, and was a past chairman of the local Salvation Army unit.

He was also active with the Masonic Lodge and served as a past Master here in Belchertown, past District Deputy Grand Master of the Palmer 19th Masonic District, a past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

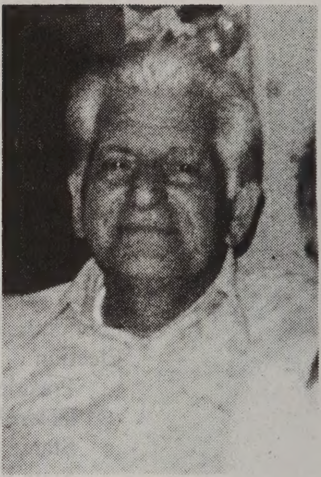
PHYLLIS W. FLAHERTY

Phyllis W. Flaherty was not a native of Belchertown, but she became an integral part of the Town through her long residency and her many contributions to the Town.

She was born in Calais, Maine, but married into a Belchertown family and moved here in 1939.

She was an active member of St. Francis Church, one of the founders of its Catholic Women's Club and for a number of years taught Sunday School and rant the parish's library. She was a member of the School Committee for many years and was a member of the Democratic Town Committee for over 30 years.

In her later years, Phyllis inspired many with her independent spirit, strong advocacy for her beliefs, and her unfailing good humor and support for her many friends.



HARRY G. SHAKARIAN

Born in Springfield, Harry grew up in Belchertown, living most of his life here. He served his country in the Army in W.W. II, and for several years he was a Boy Scout leader, known affectionately to many boys as "Uncle Harry".

An avid organic gardener and an excellent cook, he was often called upon to cook Church suppers, barbecues and pancakes breakfast. Woodworking and furniture refinishing was also an interest of Harry's. Many antiques and family treasures lovingly restored by his hands now sit in homes in Belchertown today.

For the past 10 plus years he worked for the Belchertown Senior Center and brought people to and from medical appointments. To those in his care, he was more than just a ride to the doctors. His warmth, kindness and sense of humor put them at ease, and was comforting and reassuring. It's not that he did anything special, he was just being himself.

Harry's greatest love by far though was his faith. He was a Eucharistic minister and a member of the St. Francis Church choir, as well as a leader in many area prayer groups. His love for God showed through clearly in his daily life.

He gave of himself unselfishly, without concern for any recognition, and is greatly missed.

1996 TOWN OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires
	ELECTED OFFICERS	
	Moderator	
Terry Scott Nagel		5/1997
	Board of Selectmen	
Linda E. Barron		5/1997
M. Florine Neggers (el.5/20/96)		5/1997
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		5/1998
Bernard R. Kubiak		5/1998
David S. Fredenburgh		5/1999
	School Committee	
Barbara Schaffer Bacon		5/1997
Sharon D. Barnett		5/1997
Kathleen Beresky		5/1998
Edward R. Mitnick		5/1999
Richard D. White		5/1999
	Planning Board	
Elizabeth C. Chase		5/1997
Douglas F. Albertson		5/1998
J. Arnold Voehringer		5/1999
James D. Hodgen		5/2000
Michael A. Beresky		5/2001
	Planning Board-Alternates (Members Appointed)	
Michael T. Henry		6/30/97
	Planning Board-Associate Members (Members Appointed)	
Narda L. Wakoluk		6/30/96
Ronald Akins (appt. 10/96)		6/30/97
Daniel Laroche (appt. 10/96)		6/30/97
	Cemetery Commissioners (now called Cemetery Advisory Board) (no longer elected)	
Floyd R. Peeso (elected)		5/1996
Paul C. Cook (elected)		5/1997
David G.Hodgen (elected)		5/1998
	Housing Authority	
Antoinette M. Kubiak (Governor's Representative)		
James A. Barry		5/1998
Richard T. Kane		5/1999
Louise M. Butler		5/2000
Thomas T. Soja		5/2001
	Sewer Commissioners (now called Sewer Advisory Board) (no longer elected)	
Albert F. Dewhurst (elected) (expired)		5/1996
	Board of Health (now increased to five members 3/96)	
Donald L. Minney		5/1997
David M. Haines		5/1998
Denise Finn-Rizzo		5/1999
Leonard R. Belisle (el. 5/96)		5/1999
Robert P. Bishop (el. 5/96)		5/1998
	County Commissioner	
Bernard R. Kubiak		5/1997
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members	
Judith C. Dudek		11/2000
David H. Squires (resigned 3/96)		11/1998
Michael Roncolato(appt. 8/96)		11/1998
	Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Kenneth H. Snow		5/1997
Sylvia C. Conkey		5/1998
Mary S. Pratt		5/1999
	Almoners-Whiting Street & Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hislop		5/1997
Janet L. Wood		5/1997

Name	Office	Term Expires
	APPOINTED OFFICERS	
	Town Clerk	
William R. Barnett		6/30/97
	Treasurer- Collector	
William R. Barnett		6/30/97
	Board of Assessors	
Michael P. Forgue		6/30/97
David E. Kiernan		6/30/98
Janise G. Fitzpatrick		6/30/99
	Town Administrator	
Anne M. Alzapiedi		6/30/99
	Procurement Officer	
Sheila Zahaykevitz		
	Town Accountant	
Eleanor W. Green		6/30/99
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Jill M. Besancon		6/30/97
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Carol E. Hubbard		6/30/97
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Gloria J. Conkey		6/30/97
	Assistant Tax Collector	
Lisa M. Banner		6/30/97
	Assistant Assessor	
Adolph R. Cunha		6/30/97
	Planning Technician	
Susan M. Gay		
	Deputy Collectors	
Lisa M. Banner (office)		12/1997
Gloria J. Conkey (office)		12/1997
Christine T. Jeffery (terminated 9/96)		12/1996
Reid C.Jeffery (terminated 9/96)		12/1996
Shirley Dillard (office)		8/1997
Arthur C. Jones (appt. 9/96)		9/1997
William F. Corbett (appt. 9/96)		9/1997
	Finance Committee	
Thomas M. Grady		6/30/97
Susan J. Cameron		6/30/98
Jacquelyne F.B. Gauthier (resigned 6/96)		6/30/98
Gloria E. Ortiz (appt. 9/96)		6/30/98
Ronald E. Aponte		6/30/99
Roseann Martoccia		6/30/99
	Town Counsel	
Leonard Kopelman, Attorney		6/30/97
	Fire Chief	
Edward F. Bock		
	Forest Fire Warden	
Edward F. Bock		
	Director of Public Works	
Gary L. Brougham		
	Inspector of Buildings	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
	Asst. Inspector of Buildings	
Christopher Allison		6/30/97

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Wiring Inspector	
Douglas Rae		6/30/97
	Asst. Wiring Inspector	
Paul Choiniere		6/30/97
	Inspector of Plumbing	
Owen P. Clifford, Jr.		6/30/97
	Asst. Inspector of Plumbing	
David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/97
Danny Champagne (resigned 2/96)		6/30/96
Christopher A. Hubbard (appt. 12/96)		6/30/97
	Gas Inspector	
Owen P. Clifford, Jr.		6/30/97
	Asst. Gas Inspector	
David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/97
Danny Champagne (resigned 2/96)		6/30/96
Christopher A. Hubbard (appt. 12/96)		6/30/97
	Dog Officer	
Debra R. Michaud		6/30/97
	Assistant Dog Officer	
Philip Riverin		6/30/96
Judith Roberts		6/30/97
	Veterans Services Agent	
A. William Carrier		6/30/97
	Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Gary L. Brougham		6/30/97

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
	Zoning Enforcement Officer	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
	Veterans Graves Officer	
David Lecours (resigned 7/96)		6/30/97
Robert C. Messier (appt. 10/96)		6/30/97
	Asst. Graves Officer	
Wayne W. Buchanan		6/30/97
	Registrar of Voters	
M. Florine Neggers (resigned 5/96)		3/31/96
Dorothy M. Brennen		3/31/97
Pauline C. Johnson (appt. 1/96)		3/31/98
Dorothy Pomietlarz (appt. 10/96)		3/31/99
	Assistant Registrars	
Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)		3/31/97
Richard M. Sinkoski (Pathfinder)		3/31/97
	Precinct Coordinator	
Marcel Archambault		8/31/97
	ELECTION OFFICERS	
	Precinct A	
Rosemary Hodgen (Warden) (appt. 2/96)		8/31/97
Barbara Frigon (Clerk) (appt. 2/96)		8/31/97
	Precinct B	
Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden) (appt. 2/96)		8/31/97
Donna Abely (Clerk) (appt. 2/96)		8/31/97

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Precinct C	
Eileen D. Staples (Warden)		8/31/97
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)		8/31/97
	Board of Appeals	
Scott Surner		6/30/97
Michael A. Roncolato		6/30/98
Stephan B. Wurmbrand		6/30/99
	Associate Members-Board of Appeals	
Thomas W. Shattuck		6/30/96
Sandra Webb		6/30/97
Ramona Hussey (resigned 9/96)		6/30/97
Walter Combs, Jr. (appt. 11/96)		6/30/97
Walter Henry Jr. (appt. 11/96)		6/30/97
	Civil Defense Director	
Charles Darling (resigned 9/96)		6/30/97
Donald C. Elliott, Jr. (appt. 9/96)		6/30/97
	Deputy Director-Civil Defense	
David Lecours (resigned 7/96)		6/30/97
Robert S. Coates, Jr. (appt. 9/96)		6/30/97
	Civil Defense Radio Officer	
Charles F. Darling		6/30/97
	Members-Civil Defense Dept.	
Anne Alzapiedi		6/30/96
Gary L. Brougham		6/30/96
Joseph Lawler (resigned 7/96)		6/30/97
Norman G. Coburn (appt. 7/96)		6/30/97
Jefferey A. Czech (appt. 9/96)		6/30/97
	War Memorial Committee	
Leo Beauchemin		6/30/97
Roy F. Whidden		6/30/97
Herbert E. Squires		6/30/97
Francis A. Dudek		6/30/98
David A. Lecours (resigned 7/96)		6/30/99
Peter G. Thorpe (appt. 10/96)		6/30/99

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Rationing Board	
Richard F. Dzialo		6/30/97
David H. Squires		6/30/98
Patricia J. Mitchell		6/30/99
	Public Weigher	
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.		6/30/97
	Personnel Board	
Marcel F. Archambault		6/30/96
David A. Reed		6/30/97
Kenneth D. Nolan		6/30/97
Ronald A. Pobieglo		6/30/98
Mauren A. Wildey		6/30/98
David C. Kuzmeski (appt. 10/96)		6/30/99
	Recreation Director	
Ronald Constantino		6/30/97
	Parks, Beach & Recreation	
Patricia Burton (resigned 5/96)		6/30/97
David S. Whipple		6/30/97
Gerry M. Bock (was Associate member thru 6/96, then to regular member 7/96)		6/30/97
Thomas E. Sullivan		6/30/98
Robert L. Chartier		6/30/99
Bruce C. Smith		6/30/99
William R. Lafleur, Associate (appt. 9/96)		6/30/97
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski, Associate (appt. 9/96)		6/30/97
	Conservation Commission	
Hubert F. Greene		6/30/97
David M. Haines		6/30/97
Robert J. Rizzo		6/30/97
Jennie T. Greene		6/30/98
Robert W. Stover		6/30/98
Joseph K. Babineau		6/30/99
Kathryn Z. Ruhf		6/30/99
	Advisory Committee-Holyoke Range	
Deborah VanDyke		6/30/96
Kenneth W. Rhodes (appt. 2/96)		6/30/97

Name **Office** **Term Expires**

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Elizabeth Chase, Member	
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Joint Transportation Committee

Gary Brougham	6/30/97

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Air Quality Committee

Daniel J. Laroche	6/30/97

PVTA Advisory Board

Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/97
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Alternate	6/30/97

Historical Commission (increased to 7 members 3/96)

Kirk Stephens	6/30/96
MaryJane Pi Sunyer (resigned 3/96)	6/30/97
Christine Harper (appt. 5/96)	6/30/97
Edward Hood (appt. Associate Member in 5/96 to 6/30/96; then to reg. member in 7/96)	6/30/97
Michael Forgue (resigned 11/96)	6/30/98
Hilary Woodcock	6/30/98
Thomas O'Neill	6/30/99
Gail Pisacane (appt. eff. 7/96)	6/30/99
Leslie Squires (appt. 7/96)	6/30/99

Council on Aging

Robert Lavoie	6/30/96
Florine Neggers	6/30/96
Mary S. Pratt (resigned 4/96)	6/30/96
Shirley A. Dorey	6/30/97
Michelle Ouhl	6/30/97
Casimir W. Owczarski (resigned 9/96)	6/30/97
Marian Panto (appt. 10/96)	6/30/97
Joan Hutchinson	6/30/98
Theresa Glanville	6/30/98
Marie A. Routier-Bergstrom (resigned 5/96)	6/30/98
Charlotte M. Tenczar (appt. 6/96)	6/30/98
Daniele Costantini (appt. 11/96)	6/30/98
Eva "Terri" Ericksberg	6/30/99
Jeannette M. Crowther (resigned 1/96; reinstated 4/96)	6/30/99
Joan Poole (appt. 5/96)	6/30/99

Name **Office** **Term Expires**

Jennifer Venman (appt. 7/96)	6/30/99

Belchertown Arts Council

Rev. Andrew S. Wetmore	6/30/96
Mary Avery	6/30/97
Gloria Fox	6/30/97
Judy McQuillen (appt. 9/96)	6/30/98
Karen Schiffer	6/30/98
Donna M. Kendall	6/30/99
Paul A. Marean	6/30/99
Gretchen Holesovsky (appt. 7/96)	6/30/99
Carol B. Love (appt. 7/96)	6/30/99
Eva Robbins (appt. 7/96)	6/30/99

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Laurel Hellerstein (resigned 1/96)	6/30/96
Linda E. Barron	6/30/97
Arthur L. Dunbar	6/30/97
James P. Kearney	6/30/97
Richard W. Whitfield	6/30/97

Rent Control Board

George R. Harrell	6/30/96
John D. Burns	6/30/97
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	6/30/98
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/99
Herbert E. Squires (appt. 9/96)	6/30/01

Belchertown Fair Committee

Laura Squires	6/30/96
Karen Miron	6/30/96
Cindy Phaneuf	6/30/96
Maureen Madden	6/30/96
Roxanne Austin (resigned 10/96)	6/30/97
William Austin	6/30/97
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/97
Cindy Brown	6/30/97
Kevin Brown	6/30/97
Linda Gay	6/30/97
Frances Lofland	6/30/97
Nancy Searle	6/30/97
Robert Wilson (resigned 10/96)	6/30/97
Mark Nute	6/30/97
Robert Squires	6/30/97
Rebecca Brown (appt. 9/96)	6/30/97
Heather Lalli, Associate (appt. 9/96)	6/30/97

Name	Office	Term Expires

Safety Committee

James R. Phaneuf		6/30/96
Anne M. Alzapiedi		6/30/97
Gary Brougham		6/30/97
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		6/30/97
Robert Knight		6/30/97
Carla Kutt		6/30/97
William Linde		6/30/97

Belchertown's Representative to Quahoag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program

William F. Steplar		

Swift River Elementary School Building Committee

Pauline Johnson		Final Report
Kevin P. Lucey		Final Report
Sharon C. Marean		Final Report
Everett C. Hume		Final Report
Alan E. Weiss		Final Report
David Fredenburgh		Final Report
James P. Fox		Final Report
Robert B. Byard, Assoc. Member		Final Report
Peter Crowley, Assoc. Member		Final Report
Michael E. Smith, Assoc. Member		Final Report

Fire Station Building Committee

Samuel J. Joyal		Final Report
James Hodgen		Final Report
Edward Bock		Final Report
Richard Knight		Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes		Final Report
Homer Stebbins		Final Report
Charles Agen, Electrical Advisor		Final Report
Bruce Officer, Alternate		Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate		Final Report
Robert L. Brock		Final Report
Michael Brougham		Final Report
David Fredenburgh, ex officio		Final Report

Belchertown Historic District Commission

Doris Dickinson		6/30/97
Jacqueline Dupre		6/30/98
Debbi Gottlieb (resigned 8/96)		6/30/98
John B. Curry, III		6/30/99
Richard J. Davitt, Jr.		6/30/99

Name	Office	Term Expires

Committee to Oversee "Willard Stebbins Acct"

Bernard R. Kubiak (from Bd. of Selectmen		

EMS Operations Manager

Thomas Majerowski		6/30/97

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Roy Whidden		Final Report
Robert Byard		Final Report
Sally Dodge		Final Report
Judith Moreno		Final Report
David C. Holmes		Final Report
Anne M. Alzapiedi		Final Report
Lee Concheri		Final Report
Daryl Herrick (resigned 1/96)		Final Report
Jennifer Bagnell		Final Report
Mary F. Platt		Final Report

Economic Development & Industrial Corp.

David Devine		6/30/97
William G. Whitlock (at large)		6/30/97
Arthur Fiorelli		6/30/98
Stephen Lanphear		6/30/98
Steven McCafferty		6/30/98
Robert Brinkman		6/30/99
Jeanette Rossi		6/30/99
Patrick Landers, ex-officio		
Francesca Maltese, ex-officio		
Jonathan Spiegel, associate member		
Gregory Galanek, associate member		
Judith A. Hubach, associate member		
Frances Callahan, associate member		

B.E.D.I.C. Advisory Committee

Jeanette Rossi		
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		
Gregory Galanek		
William Steplar		
John Curry		
Theresa Glanville		
William Terry		
Neil McCann		
Gary Surprenant		
Mark Lindhult, Associate Member		
Barbara Schaffer Bacon, Associate Member		

Industrial Development Financing Authority

Name	Office	Term Expires
Roger W. Bacon		3/31/97
Neil S. McCann (resigned 12/16/96)		3/31/98
Janise G. Fitzpatrick		6/30/99
Steven D. Rose		6/30/00
Gloria E. Ortiz (resigned 9/30/96)		6/30/01
Susan MacDonnell (At large)(appt. 12/16/96)		3/31/01
John Malone, associate member		
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr., associate member		
William F. Steplar, associate member		

MRF Management Task Force

Name	Office	Term Expires
Norman Loftus		Final Report
William G. Whitlock		Final Report

Police Station Building Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
John Curry, III		Final Report
Peter Burton		Final Report
Robert W. Farrington		Final Report
Sylvia Conkey		Final Report
Robert Henrichon		Final Report
James Boyko		Final Report
Joseph Rebello, associate member		Final Report
Dominic Colaccino, associate member		Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, ex-officio		
Linda Barron, Selectman, ex-officio		

High School Building Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Patrick S. Daly		Final Report
Edward Perry		Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz		Final Report
Robert Lachance		Final Report
Simon James		Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		Final Report
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.		Final Report
James Brown		Final Report
Richard White		Final Report
Robert Byard, ex-officio		
Eric Bernardin, associate		
Franklin D. Wenzel, associate		
David M. Sammataro, associate		
William Watson, associate		
Edward J. Ciosek, associate		
Melissa Michaud, non-voting adjunct member		

Advisory Committee for Renovations to Nursery II

Name	Office	Term Expires
Casimir Owczarski (resigned 9/96)		Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg		Final Report
Walter Papp		Final Report
Walter Michkosky (resigned 12/4/96)		Final Report
William Linde		Final Report
Madeleine Linde (resigned 11/29/96)		Final Report
Jemma Lambert		Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka (resigned 11/29/96)		Final Report

Police Candidate Review Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Peter Burton		6/30/97
Patricia Sheridan		6/30/97
Orin Bracey		6/30/97

Rail/Trail Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Lewis Louraine		Final Report
Peggy Louraine		Final Report
Alice Kuc		Final Report
Lawrence Tucker		Final Report
Paul Keating		Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		Final Report
Sue Ordinetz		Final Report
Jean Arey		Final Report
Jay Holtzman		Final Report
Peter Crowley		Final Report
Rorry Zahourek		Final Report
Robert Kruse, Associate		Final Report
Daniel J. Laroche, Associate (appt. 10/21/96)		6/30/97

Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
David Haines		6/30/97
Robert Stover		6/30/97
Bridgit Raith		6/30/97

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Edward F. Bock (appt. 5/6/96)		6/30/97
Charles Darling (appt. 5/6/96)		6/30/98
David Lecours, Alternate (appt. 5/6/96)		6/30/97

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Sewer Treatment Plant Design Committee	
Gary Brougham		Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		Final Report
Kathy Ruhf		Final Report
William G. Whitlock		Final Report
	Performance Evaluation Committee	
Terry Chevalier		Final Report
Gary Brougham		Final Report
Edward Bock		Final Report
Anne M. Alzapiedi		Final Report
David Fredenburgh		Final Report
Esther Pierce		Final Report
	Board of Health Transition Committee (appt. made by Board of Health)	
William Terry		
Arthur Fiorelli		
William Barnett		
Barbara Pasternak		
Louise Butler		
Kirk Stephens		
	Recreation Building Study Committee	
Gary M. Bock		Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer		Final Report
James Phaneuf		Final Report
Dianne Chamberlain (resigned 8/96)		Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas		Final Report
David Cushing		Final Report
Michael VanDyke		Final Report
	Emergency Medical Technicians	
Robert Squires		6/30/97
David Conkey		6/30/97
James Taylor		6/30/97
Jeffrey Sendek		6/30/97
Roy Bergeron		6/30/97
Francis Fox		6/30/97
Andrea Conkey		6/30/97
Steven Syriac		6/30/97
Nicole Robinson		6/30/97
Linda Saba		6/30/97
Ronald Beaver		6/30/97
Joseph Morrissette		6/30/97

Name	Office	Term Expires
Wilbert Stevenson		6/30/97
Regina Stevenson		6/30/97
Richard Hutchinson		6/30/97
Christina Owczarski		6/30/97
	Police Department Chief	
Robert A. Knight		
	Sergeant (Full Time)	
Francis Fox		6/30/97
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.		6/30/97
William C. Zobka		6/30/97
	Constable	
John Milner		6/30/97
Andrew Sears		6/30/97
	Patrol Officers (Full Time)	
William D. Beatty, Jr.		6/30/97
Roy F. Bergeron		6/30/97
Sean Bracey		6/30/97
James Jackson		6/30/97
Winthrop N. Kellogg		6/30/97
Jeffrey Sendek		6/30/97
Kevin G. Truehart		6/30/97
William A. Panto		6/30/97
Edward H. Oey		6/30/97
Kevin J. Pacunas (eff. 7/1/96) (was part time)		6/30/97
Bruce Jenks (eff. 7/1/96) (was part time		6/30/97
	Patrol Officers (Part Time)	
Kevin Antonovitch		6/30/97
John Bonafini		6/30/97
David A. Conkey		6/30/97
Sean Hamel		6/30/97
James Taylor		6/30/97
William C. Zobka, Jr.		6/30/97
David A. Black		6/30/97
Kevin J. Pacunas (eff. 2/8/96) (to full time)		6/30/96
Bruce Jenks (eff. 2/15/96) (to full time)		6/30/96
Jeffrey Scott (eff. 7/96)		6/30/97
Gary Merritt (eff. 7/96)		6/30/97

ame	Office	Term Expires
Board of Health Appointments		
Quabbin Health District		
Judy Moreno, Health Officer		6/30/97
Roger Bonsall, Asst. Health Officer		6/30/97
Burial Agent		
William R. Barnett		6/30/97
Physician Advisor to Board		
Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.		6/30/97
Inspector of Animals		
Robert Novick		3/97

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen
(from left) W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, Linda Barron, David Fredenburgh, Florine Neggars, Bernard Kubiak

ORGANIZING OURSELVES

Following the annual election in May, we welcomed long-time resident Florine Neggers to the Board and once again reached our full complement of five members. Florine's many years of experience working for the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as insights gained from membership on the Council on Aging, acting directorship of the Senior Center, and service on the Board of Registrars have strengthened the Board immeasurably.

When the Board reorganized shortly thereafter, it named Linda Barron as Chairman; David Fredenburgh, Vice Chairman; and Florine Neggers, Clerk. Veteran Selectmen Bernard Kubiak and W. Daniel Fitzpatrick round out the membership.

ACQUIRING STATE SCHOOL LAND

Though many important matters demanded the attention of the Board this past year, none was more time-consuming, complicated, and frustrating than the process to acquire a portion of the former Belchertown State School property for a new Police Station, Senior Center, and other municipal uses. Selectmen worked intensely with legislators to keep this vital process moving forward. Legislation was passed, funding sources identified, architects engaged, and construction documents prepared.

Our persistence coupled with the absolutely critical need for these municipal facilities, we believed, would allow the land transfer to take place at nominal cost to the Town. At the eleventh hour, however, the Commonwealth's Inspector General set a purchase price of $1.2 million for two parcels. The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, which by August 1997 is supposed to enter into its own agreement with the state to take possession of another much larger portion of the property, faces a similar situation.

The Board strongly opposed paying such an exorbitant price, particularly for Parcel A (approximately 20 acres). The final decision, however, rested with the townspeople, and at a Special Town Meeting on March 3, 1997, the voters unanimously rejected paying $1,120,000 for Parcel A. The acquisition of Parcel C (approximately .8 acres adjacent to the Swift River School) was supported by the Swift River Building Committee for development as a recreation area for that school, and $40,400 was appropriated from the school construction account to fund that purchase.

The Board has requested our Legislators to draft and file amended legislation that will enable the Town to acquire Parcel A at a reasonable cost so that the land transfer can still occur this spring and the renovation projects can be under way by the time this report is distributed. The Board voted in September to designate this group of buildings as the "William G. Whitlock Municipal Complex" in honor of former Selectman and Executive Secretary Gerry Whitlock, whose unparalleled service to Belchertown spanned four decades.

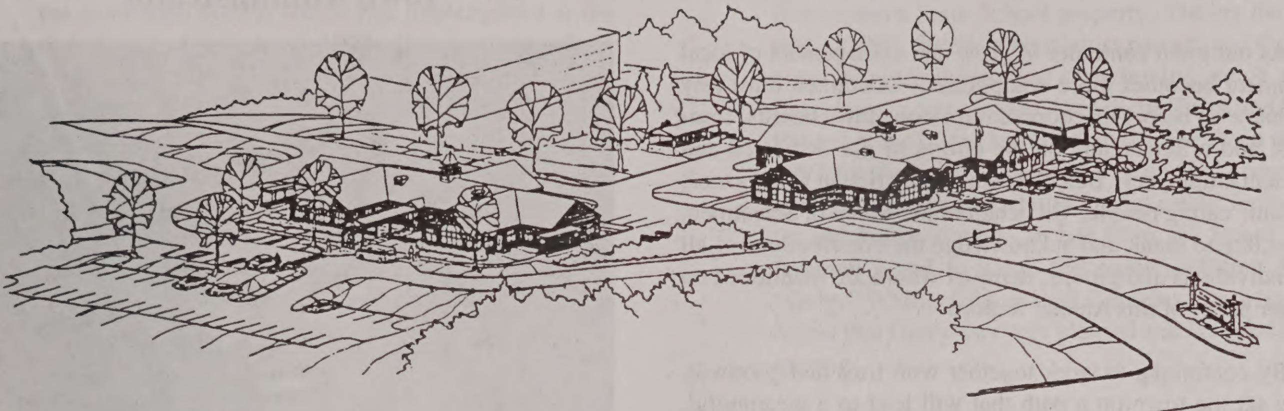
ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAMS

This year the Board implemented two new programs, both related to personnel matters. Following appropriation of funds by Town Meeting, Selectmen drew up guidelines for an Educational Reimbursement program that would encourage employees to continue their educations, providing the course work is related to their job responsibilities. Several staff members have already taken advantage of this educational assistance program.

We achieved a longstanding goal with the establishment of an Annual Performance Evaluation procedure. With input from the Board, a committee comprised of both managerial and staff level employees researched and developed this important evaluation tool.. We are pleased to report that there is now a clearly defined evaluation system with which supervisors and department heads can review employee performance and make constructive recommendations, using standardized criteria.

PAYING FOR THE EXTRAS

In an effort to provide materials and services beyond the scope of our annual town budget, the Board encourages and supports departmental efforts to seek outside funding. The Police Department and the Senior Center have been especially successful, each having received several grants which enable them to provide additional public safety and elderly services. We are also working with other agencies such as the New England Small Farm Institute and the Quabbin Valley Business Assistance Corporation in order to expand the economic development opportunities in our community.



WILLIAM "GERRY" WHITLOCK
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
BELCHERTOWN, MASS.

by: REINHARDT ASSOCIATES, INC.
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MANAGING MONEY

The Selectmen have no plans to propose an override to Proposition 2-1/2 or recommend another debt exclusion in 1997. We are keenly aware that taxpayers are currently shouldering additional taxes for the construction of Chestnut Hill and Swift River schools. The Board has paid close attention to the impact of its decisions on the financial health of the Town and its citizens, and during the past year focused our efforts on improving the way the town manages its money. These improvements in fiscal management will pay off for many years to come.

- A revised budget process was instituted for fiscal year '97, yielding more meaningful data and a better understanding and control of spending requests.

- The Department of Revenue, at the Board's request, conducted a Financial Management Review to study the functions of all departments and officials having any role in the town's finances; selected recommendations resulting from that review are currently being implemented.

- The Financial Management Team has been reactivated. The heads of five key departments will take an active advisory and administrative role in compiling and coordinating financial information related to both short and long-term financial planning. The town administrator, accountant, treasurer-collector, assistant assessor, and superintendent of schools (or associate superintendent) will be members of this important team. Responsibility for setting fiscal policy will remain with the Board of Selectmen.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Careful planning and fiscal restraint have allowed the Selectmen to draw up a plan to pay for several crucial capital projects without increasing taxes or requiring an override. This coming year, in addition to the projects for a new Police Station and a Senior Center, we must undertake the next phase of the required capping of the landfill. And we are finally getting very close to starting construction of the long-awaited new Fire Headquarters.

Yet to receive formal voter approval (but nonetheless part of our long-range planning) are an upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and expansion of the sewer system, and construction of both a new high school and a recreation building. How and when the town will be able to proceed with these projects depends largely on the as yet unknown outcome of the State School land issue.

SHARING INFORMATION

The Board maintains a list of projects "in the works" which, at any given moment, includes 30 or more items—too numerous to list here. In an effort to keep our citizens aware of what we are working on, we release a current list from time to time for publication in the local newspaper. Anyone wishing additional information on any aspect of these projects is encouraged to contact the Selectmen's office.

Another way in which we invite citizens to remain informed is by catching our televised meetings on the community access cable channel 5. Tune in and watch us Monday evenings at 7:30, live from Town Hall!

WORKING TOGETHER . . . FORGING AHEAD

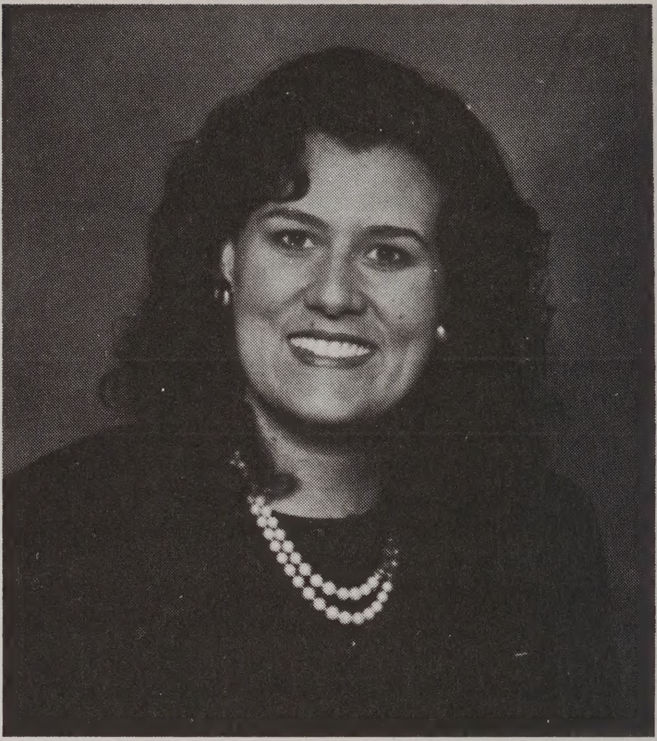
As our town continues to grow and management of local government becomes more complicated, Selectmen must rely more than ever before on cooperation among town boards, committees, and officials, and on the efforts of our dedicated and competent employees. Belchertown is truly rich in what is most important: caring people. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I would like to thank and acknowledge the contributions of all these individuals and groups, many of whom are mentioned on the other pages of this Annual Report.

By continuing to work together with trust and goodwill, we can set the town on a path that will lead to a meaningful, productive future. United, we can build — and journey together across — our own bridge to the 21st century!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Barron, Chairman
March 5, 1997

Town Administrator



Anne M. Alzapiedi, Town Administrator

It is the Town Administrator, under the policy direction of the Board of Selectmen, and with the assistance of various Town departments, that coordinates the day to day operations of the Town. In order to coordinate the diverse needs of the Town, policies and procedures must be drafted and implemented which creatively balance customer service with costs.

Our many accomplishments were achieved only through the hard work and support of citizens, volunteers serving on boards and committees, and the management team and staff of the Town.

The remainder of this report will outline the many accomplishments by various Town departments. However, the following achievements are worth special note:

- Two years ago the Selectmen presented a customer service handbook titled "A Guide to Belchertown". This booklet was very popular and all copies were distributed. We are in the process of updating and reprinting the Guide which outlines exactly how our local government works and who to call or go to if you have a program or concern. Updated copies of the Guide will be available in early 1997 in all Town Hall offices and Clapp Memorial Library.

- A Performance Evaluation Team made up of Town staff and managers completed the process of drafting a Performance Evaluation System. The Selectmen approved the evaluation system which was implemented at the end of 1996. Beginning in 1997, all managers received training in how to evaluate staff and all employees received training in how they will be evaluated. Everyone who works for the Town will be evaluated on a yearly basis by his or her supervisor via a balanced and fair evaluation system.

- In an effort to improve customer service and respond to the public's need, we are in the process of developing a Committee Handbook. The Selectmen will approve the final draft of the Handbook in early 1997 which will serve as a guide to the 150+ volunteers who serve on the Town's boards and committees. A training will be scheduled on a Saturday in early July of 1997 for all volunteers to review the handbook and the laws and policies that pertain to serving on a municipal board or committee.

- In an effort to provide exceptional service to residents, employee training was a priority. Several training sessions were scheduled for staff and management including:

    - CPR

    - The Open Meeting and Public Records Law.

    - Municipal Labor Law Update.

    - Federal DOT Drug Testing Law and Policies with supervisors and employees of the Department of Public Works.

    - Implementation of the Performance Evaluation System.

    - Strategic Planning with the Recreation Department staff and Recreation Committee members.

    - Computer trainings in Microsoft Word and Excel.

- As the Selectmen have several projects such as the transfer of the former Belchertown State School site which it is working on, it is important that we stay in close contact with Representatives Landers and Petrolati, and Senator Brewer. Each year we compile our "Legislative Request List" as a way to inform our legislative delegation on what the Selectmen believe are important bills for the Town and what our future funding requirements will be for needed projects. Also, in an effort to better inform the Department of Community Development and Housing, we completed an updated Community Action Statement required to take advantage of all grant opportunities.

- We made much headway in the disposition of the former Belchertown State School property. During the Summer of 1996, the State legislature passed, and the Governor signed, legislation transferring much of the Belchertown State School land to the Town and EDIC. Parcels A and C will be transferred to the Town in early 1997 for the establishment of a municipal complex to include renovating two buildings for a new Senior Center and Police Station. In late 1996, the Board of Selectmen voted to name the municipal area the W. "Gerry" Whitlock Municipal Complex. I am happy to report that Gerry was very pleased and honored by this gesture.

As you will read in the individual department and committee reports, the Town accomplished much in 1996. Each year we face new challenges and it is our goal to face them effectively and proactively. I am very proud to work with such talented and professional employees and enjoy being a contributing member of the Belchertown team.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne M. Alzapiedi
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during their term. The committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budge to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and can not be postponed until Town Meeting.

The Town of Belchertown's operational and capital budgets continue to grow at a rapid pace. For Fiscal Year 1997 (July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997), the Town's operating expenses have increased over $1.5 million (approximately 10%) versus FY96 totals. Most of the additional operating expenses can be traced to a state-mandated increase in school spending ($781,000) as well as interest and debt expenses which are related to funding for the Swift River Elementary School. In addition to the increased operating expenses, nearly $2.5 million was appropriated for capital items and major capital projects that ranged from providing surplus vehicles for some Town departments to capping the landfill to funding a new Police Station.

The Town also realized an increase in revenues. Local taxes and receipts increased nearly $750,000 and state-aid-received increased $880,000 (12%) over FY96 figures. The moderate increases in local taxes/receipts and state-aid received when coupled with a sizable "withdrawal" ($700,000) from the Stabilization Fund and the utilization of left over FY95 monies or free cash ($700,000) was enough to offset the growth in Town expenses and fund most capital items and projects. The new Senior Center project was the only major capital project that required borrowing ($600,000) and this borrowing may be rescinded at a March 1997 Special Town Meeting as the outstanding balance may be funded from left over FY96 monies (free cash).

Although at first glance it may appear that the Town is in an envious financial position, the outlook is actually far more ominous than it currently appears. Even though we've been able to address several major capital projects with minimal borrowing and impact on the tax rate, we still face several more major capital projects. Within the next several years, Belchertown must consider funding the following major capital projects:

• New Fire Station	(Est. $3.5 million - $5.0 million)
• Implement. of School/ Town Tech. Plan	(Est. $1.5 million - $3.0 million)
• New recreational facilities	(Est. $750,000 - $1.3 million)
• New/Upgraded sewer plant and lines	(Est. $4.0 million - $9.0 million)
• New Senior High School	(Est. $22.0 million - $30.0 million)

While a large amount of grants, loans and state aid may be available for these projects, the Town will undoubtedly shoulder a significant burden of funding for these projects.

In addition to these projects, the Town will also soon feel the sting of the Swift River Elementary School Bond underspending. The impact will be in the form of reduced state reimbursement as we begin to pay back that bond. Since the "surplus" money wasn't spent on the school, the state will not reimburse the Town for the surplus amount thus forcing the Town to payback more money than was originally planned.

It is for these reasons that the Finance Committee's top priority continues to be the rebuilding of the Stabilization Fund. As we saw in FY96, by utilizing the Stabilization Fund to offset some of the financial demands of major projects, we can minimize the immediate impact to the Town whole avoiding a "mortgaging" of the Town's future with exorbitant borrowing and interest expenses. With this goal in mind, we will continue to scrutinize the Town's operational budget for nonprudent expenditures and judge capital appropriations on their ability to generate a commensurate service, income and/or cost savings. However, we believe that simple cost-cutting and efficiency increases alone will not save enough money to fund the aforementioned capital projects. This is why we implore Town officials to seek out additional sources of revenue so that worthy and needed projects are not financed almost solely by the home owners of Belchertown.

Belchertown's high quality of life has led to a steady period of growth for the Town. With this growth comes the need to increase and improve the Town's infrastructure as well as increased needs to protect and educate our families. Many of the imminent large capital items are necessary to ensure our high standard of living during this period of growth, however, their costs threaten the financial stability of the Town.

In order to overcome this predicament, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, will continue to employ prudent financial judgment whenever your tax dollars are being spent. In addition, we will increase our efforts to seek out new revenue sources that will lessen the burden on all tax payers. This is our unwavering commitment to the residents of Belchertown.

Town Accountant

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1996

ASSETS		
Cash		3,902,857.31
Petty Cash Advance		25.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	1,363,785.85	
Property Taxes of 1997	4,443,235.33	
Excise Taxes	288,755.90	
Tax Liens	819,910.31	
Lieu Taxes	15,915.44	
Special Assessments	394,005.97	
Departmental	89,493.75	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(416,466.56)	
		6,998,635.99
Tax Foreclosure		904.71
Total Assets		10,902,423.01
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		321,036.58
Employee Withholdings		27,523.07
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	5,240,554.62	
Excise Taxes	288,755.90	
Tax Liens	819,910.31	
Lieu Taxes	15,915.44	
Special Assessments	394,005.97	
Departmental	89,493.75	
		6,848,635.99
Unclaimed Checks		13,287.32
Total Liabilities		7,210,482.96
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Encumbrances		937,461.56
Reserve for Expenditure		672,113.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		2,095,896.49
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		(13,531.00)
Total Fund Equity		3,691,940.05
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		10,902,423.01

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 1996

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3.902.857.31	373.755.69	6.142.709.65	300.504.97	216.201.24	1.027.382.28		11.963.411.14
Investments						3.500.00		3.500.00
Petty Cash Advance	25.00	508.00						533.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	1.363.785.85							1.363.785.85
Property Taxes of 1997	4.443.235.33							4.443.235.33
Excise Taxes	288.755.90							288.755.90
Tax Liens	819.910.31							819.910.31
Lieu Taxes	15.915.44							15.915.44
Special Assessments	394.005.97							394.005.97
Departmental	89.493.75			84.423.05				173.916.80
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(416.466.56)							(416.466.56)
Tax Foreclosures	904.71							904.71
Due from Other Governments		196.915.50	378.092.00					575.007.50
Amount to be Provided-Payment of debt							14.813.343.03	14.813.343.03
Total Assets	10.902.423.01	571.179.19	6.520.801.65	384.928.02	216.201.24	1.030.882.28	14.813.343.03	34.439.758.42
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	321.036.58	40.759.40		15.829.92	22.337.16	437.93		400.400.99
Employee Withholdings	27.523.07							27.523.07
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	5.240.554.62							5.240.554.62
Excise Taxes	288.755.90							288.755.90
Tax Liens	819.910.31							819.910.31
Lieu Taxes	15.915.44							15.915.44
Special Assessments	394.005.97							394.005.97
Departmental	89.493.75			84.423.05				173.916.80
Other Governments		196.915.50	378.092.00					575.007.50
Unclaimed Checks	13.287.32							13.287.32
Bond indebtedness							14.813.343.03	14.813.343.03
Total Liabilities	7.210.482.96	237.674.90	378.092.00	100.252.97	22.337.16	437.93	14.813.343.03	22.762.620.95
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	937.461.56			34.00	36.044.49			973.540.05
Reserve for Expenditures	672.113.00	333.504.29						1.005.617.29
Unreserved Fund Balance	2.095.896.49		6.142.709.65	284.641.05	157.819.59	1.030.444.35	0.00	9.711.511.13
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under	(13.531.00)							(13.531.00)
Total Fund Equity	3.691.940.05	333.504.29	6.142.709.65	284.675.05	193.864.08	1.030.444.35	0.00	11.677.137.47
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10.902.423.01	571.179.19	6.520.801.65	384.928.02	216.201.24	1.030.882.28	14.813.343.03	34.439.758.42

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1996

	GENERAL	GOVERNMENT FUNDS		ENTERPRISE	FUNDS	FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	**Special Revenue**	**Capital Project**	**Sewer Enterprise**	**Landfill Enterprise**	**Expendable Trusts**	**(Memo Only)**
Revenue:							
Taxes	8.843.156.69						8.843.156.69
State Receipts	7.191.074.08						7.191.074.08
Excise Taxes	814.904.12						814.904.12
Tax Liens	57.981.09						57.981.09
Lieu Taxes	136.517.28						136.517.28
Licenses & Permits	128.179.80						128.179.80
Special Assessments	84.097.73						84.097.73
Interest	518.760.75	4.830.66				57.249.24	580.840.65
Fines & Forfeits	142.517.24						142.517.24
Departmental Revenue	218.463.54						218.463.54
Fees	63.204.00	494.427.03					557.631.03
Off-Set Receipts	69.776.93						69.776.93
Other	153.638.10	1.867.34					155.505.44
Grants		1.134.578.59					1.134.578.59
Performance Guarantees		61.500.00					61.500.00
Gifts		28.896.95				1.164.78	30.061.73
Insurance Claims		2.319.55					2.319.55
Temporary Loans			5.000.821.00				5.000.821.00
Bond Proceeds			9.926.000.00				9.926.000.00
User Fees				216.954.93	129.897.95		346.852.88
Total Revenues	18.422.271.35	1.728.420.12	14.926.821.00	216.954.93	129.897.95	58.414.02	35.482.779.37
Expenditures:							
General Government	686.018.86	33.483.55				361.47	719.863.88
Protection of Persons & Property	1.134.154.24	77.841.01					1.211.995.25
Education	9.951.386.96	795.381.95					10.746.768.91
Public Works	908.251.92	491.755.09		207.271.38	222.493.45	3.469.00	1.833.240.84
Human Services	215.055.94	200.997.06				10.597.14	426.650.14
Culture & Recreation	337.490.46	125.710.59					463.201.05
Insurance & Unclassified	1.064.407.49						1.064.407.49
Debt & Interest	940.441.89			55.626.00			996.067.89
State Assessments	118.772.50						118.772.50
Prior Year Expenditures	418.400.89						418.400.89
Construction			4.868.645.67				4.868.645.67
Temporary Loans			8.701.642.00				8.701.642.00
Total Expenditures	15.774.381.15	1.725.169.25	13.570.287.67	262.897.38	222.493.45	14.427.61	31.569.656.51
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2.647.890.20	3.250.87	1.356.533.33	(45.942.45)	(92.595.50)	43.986.41	3.913.122.86
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	132.319.00		1.000.000.00	68.353.00	184.185.00	500.000.00	1.884.857.00
Operating Transfers Out	1.752.538.00	4.360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.000.00	1.806.898.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	(1.620.219.00)	(4.360.00)	1.000.000.00	68.353.00	184.185.00	450.000.00	77.959.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	1.027.671.20	(1.109.13)	2.356.533.33	22.410.55	91.589.50	493.986.41	3.991.081.86
Audit Adjustment	(4.241.92)					(48.00)	(4.289.92)
Fund Balance 7-1-95	2.668.510.77	334.105.42	3.786.176.32	262.264.50	102.274.58	403.258.29	7.556.589.88
Fund Balance 6-30-96	3.691.940.05	332.996.29	6.142.709.65	284.675.05	193.864.08	897.196.70	11.543.381.82

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Statement of Expenditures compared with Authorizations for Period ended June 30, 1996

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variances Favorable Unfavorable	Encumbered to FY97
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	25.00		25.00	0.00	
Selectmen	15,829.00	2,765.00	16,761.91	1,832.09	
Executive Secretary	54,977.00		53,679.22	1,297.78	
Finance Committee	210.00		160.00	50.00	
Reserve Fund	30,000.00	(25,411.00)	0.00	4,589.00	
Accountant-Secretary	136,810.00	1,500.00	136,292.43	2,017.57	
Computing/Purchasing	53,860.00		49,005.41	4,854.59	
Assessors	147,392.00		126,817.14	20,574.86	8,250.00
Treasurer-Collector	184,669.00		139,736.71	44,932.29	
Law Account	51,300.00	5,248.00	56,547.40	0.60	
Town Clerk	47,562.00		45,491.00	2,071.00	
Elections & Registration	13,925.00		10,720.29	3,204.71	
Conservation Commission	20,718.00	300.00	20,877.24	140.76	
Pioneer Valley Planning	1,586.85		1,586.85	0.00	
Planning Board	18,590.00		16,723.44	1,866.56	
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,300.00		2,043.22	1,256.78	
Mobil Home Rent Control	200.00		0.00	200.00	
EDIC	55,000.00		5,374.02	49,625.98	44,400.00
Rail Trail Committee	1,500.00		1,312.78	187.22	
Printing Annual Report	4,000.00		2,864.80	1,135.20	
	841,453.85	(15,598.00)	686,018.86	139,836.99	52,650.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	869,138.00		834,558.85	34,579.15	1,120.00
Fire Department	143,341.00		131,388.17	11,952.83	
Hydrant Services	20,604.00		16,904.00	3,700.00	
Ambulance	59,710.00	2,955.00	62,108.13	556.87	
Inspection Services	82,332.00		75,337.89	6,994.11	
Civil Defense	770.00		665.79	104.21	
Dog Officer	13,080.00	335.00	13,191.41	223.59	
	1,188,975.00	3,290.00	1,134,154.24	58,110.76	1,120.00
EDUCATION					
Town Schools	10,067,461.00		9,451,218.96	616,242.04	605,034.57
Regional School	500,169.00		500,168.00	1.00	
	10,567,630.00	0.00	9,951,386.96	616,243.04	605,034.57
PUBLIC WORKS					
Personal Services	272,315.00		268,136.60	4,178.40	
Professional Engineering	5,500.00		4,560.59	939.41	800.00
Land-Corner Main & Maple	25,800.00		25,800.00	0.00	
Construction Materials	19,000.00		18,187.43	812.57	614.00
Snow & Ice Removal	125,050.00		199,783.48	(74,733.48)	
Street Lighting	29,000.00	270.00	29,266.84	3.16	
Road Machinery	55,700.00		54,317.01	1,382.99	591.48
Streets	42,800.00		42,423.20	376.80	
Hired Services	40,500.00		40,470.23	29.77	
Cemetery Commissioners	31,984.00		31,602.85	381.15	

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variances Favorable Unfavorable	Encumbered to FY97
Maintenance - Grounds	140,748.00		137,511.09	3,236.91	795.99
Lawrence Memorial Hall	31,590.00		31,575.30	14.70	
Police Station	7,200.00	1,000.00	8,200.00	0.00	
Town Garage	10,330.00		10,004.06	325.94	
Old Town Hall	5,000.00		4,795.70	204.30	
Town Common	1,250.00		1,217.54	32.46	
Town Clock	400.00		400.00	0.00	
	844,167.00	1,270.00	908,251.92	(62,814.92)	2,801.47
HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health	14,665.00		7,528.47	7,136.53	112.41
Quabbin Health District	64,744.00		64,744.00	0.00	
Council on Aging	126,014.00		113,439.79	12,574.21	
Senior Center Plans		4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	
Veterans' Services	33,620.00	338.00	25,343.68	8,614.32	
	239,043.00	4,338.00	215,055.94	28,325.06	112.41
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Clapp Memorial Library	133,293.00		133,136.48	156.52	
Library Roof Repair	50,000.00		50,000.00	0.00	
Recreation Department	159,550.00		153,949.52	5,600.48	49.21
Historic District	348.00		0.00	348.00	
Historical Commission	250.00		176.46	73.54	
Patriotic Exercises	300.00		228.00	72.00	
	343,741.00	0.00	337,490.46	6,250.54	49.21
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED					
Unclassified	41,300.00	3,250.00	44,384.56	120.44	
Pensions	405,694.00		405,194.00	500.00	
Insurance	523,676.00	3,495.00	471,356.99	55,814.01	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	11,208.14		11,208.14	0.00	
Capital Expenditures	293,510.00		132,263.80	161,246.20	161,246.20
	1,275,388.14	6,700.00	1,064,407.49	217,680.65	161,246.20
DEBT & INTEREST					
Maturing Debt	613,730.00		613,730.00	0.00	
Interest	362,899.00		326,711.89	36,187.11	7,180.30
	976,629.00	0.00	940,441.89	36,187.11	7,180.30
SUMMARY					
General Government	841,453.85	(15,598.00)	686,018.86	139,836.99	52,650.00
Protection of Persons & Property	1,188,975.00	3,290.00	1,134,154.24	58,110.76	1,120.00
Education	10,567,630.00	0.00	9,951,386.96	616,243.04	605,034.57
Public Works	844,167.00	1,270.00	908,251.92	(62,814.92)	2,801.47
Human Services	239,043.00	4,338.00	215,055.94	28,325.06	112.41
Culture & Recreation	343,741.00	0.00	337, 490.46	6,250.54	49.21
Insurance & Unclassified	1,275,388.14	6,700.00	1,064,407.49	217,680.65	161,246.20
Debt Interest	976,629.00	0.00	940,441.89	36,187.11	7,180.30
	16,277,026.99	0.00	15,237,207.76	1,039,819.23	830,194.16

	Budget	Transfers Not Appropriated	Actual	Variances Favorable Unfavorable	Encumbered to FY97
Encumbered Funds	527,806.63	0.00	418,400.89	109,405.74	107,267.40
TOTALS	16,804,833.62	0.00	15,655,608.65	1,149,224.97	937,461.56
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Assessors	12,778.04	0.00	12,568.04	210.00	
Fire Station Specs & Plans	20,000.00		20,000.00	0.00	
Fire Station Building Committee	8,444.37		0.00	8,444.37	8,444.37
Police Station Specs & Plans	40,000.00		18,226.50	21,773.50	21,773.50
Civil Defense	100.00		100.00	0.00	
School Department	338,689.04		336,944.70	1,744.34	
School Chairlift	40,000.00		0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
School Land Survey	184.00		0.00	184.00	
School Building Committee	9,513.09		84.24	9,428.85	9,428.85
Senior Center Specs & Plans	41,250.00		28,629.32	12,620.68	12,620.68
Traffic Light Reconfiguration	5,000.00		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Workers Compensation	1,848.09		1,848.09	0.00	
Clean Lakes Grant Match	10,000.00		0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	527,806.63	0.00	418,400.89	109,405.74	107,267.40

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 1996

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/95	Paid In FY 1996	Outstanding 6/30/96	Due In FY 1997
Rita Lane Water Line	1983	5.00	4,800.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Bay Road Water Loan	1984	5.00	970.00	330.00	640.00	320.00
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	588,000.00	31,000.00	557,000.00	31,000.00
G. Hannum Sewer Loan	1992	6.40	133,000.00	45,000.00	88,000.00	45,000.00
WPAT Sewer	1995	0.00	87,021.00	6,896.97	80,124.03	6,687.18
Middle School Loan	1992	4.55	4,260,000.00	535,000.00	3,725,000.00	525,000.00
Elementary School Loan	1996	4.87	0.00	0.00	9,926,000.00	421,000.00
Combined Maint. Loan	1993	4.25	180,000.00	45,000.00	135,000.00	45,000.00
Equipment Loan	1996	4.80	0.00	0.00	299,179.00	75,000.00
			5,253,791.00	665,626.97	14,813,343.03	1,151,407.18

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Additions	Balance 6/30/96
Poor Funds:			
Susan M.D. Bridgman	5,150.00		5,150.00
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Frank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,250.51	110.00	10,360.51
Pension Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	76,887.14	3,750.00	80,637.14
Susan M.D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	129,387.65	3,860.00	133,247.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1996

	Balance 7/1/95	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Audit Adjustment	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/96
Poor Funds:									
Susan M.D. Bridgman	52,689.93		10,187.40	9,382.36				53,494.97	53,494.97
Whiting Street	30,627.00		1,823.25					32,450.25	32,450.25
School Funds:									
George W. Longley Music	2,319.63		193.57					2,513.20	2,513.20
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,733.30		476.11					7,209.41	7,209.41
Library Fund:									
Calvin Bridgman Library	3,839.65		495.18			48.00		4,286.83	4,286.83
Town Clock Fund:									
Frank Scialla Memorial	1,859.70		177.72					2,037.42	2,037.42
Senior Center Fund:									
Senior Center Memorial	(136.56)		456.20					319.64	319.64
Cemetery Funds:									
Perpetual Care	3,375.53		4,585.60	3,469.00				4,492.13	4,492.13
Susan M.D. Bridgman	789.38		249.29					1,038.67	1,038.67
Nellie E. Brown	3,247.64		189.73	50.00				3,387.37	3,387.37
Willard Stebbins	3,605.63		228.95					3,834.58	3,834.58
Vianna E. Somes	1,460.80		78.93					1,539.73	1,539.73
E. Schmidt Memorial	0.00	1,164.78		1,164.78				0.00	0.00
Pension Fund	6,862.92		941.16					7,804.08	7,804.08
Conservation Fund	12,733.55		581.56	361.47				12,953.64	12,953.64
Stabilization Fund	273,250.19	500,000.00	36,584.59		50,000.00	-	540,500.00	219,334.78	759,834.78
	403,258.29	501,164.78	57,249.24	14,427.61	50,000.00	48.00	540,500.00	356,696.70	897,196.70

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Amortization Schedule
June 30,1996

	Principal	Interest	Total
1997	1,153,679.00	709,658.26	1,863,337.26
1998	1,143,492.00	652,147.19	1,795,639.19
1999	1,110,391.00	595,361.93	1,705,752.93
2000	1,079,794.00	539,346.98	1,619,140.98
2001	1,010,846.00	484,287.53	1,495,133.53
2002	1,036,081.00	429,874.57	1,465,955.57
2003	1,041,321.00	384,072.89	1,425,393.89
2004	1,061,568.00	336,717.22	1,398,285.22
2005	671,000.00	298,400.00	969,400.00
2006	436,000.00	268,600.00	704,600.00
2007	461,000.00	248,825.00	709,825.00
2008	481,000.00	227,495.00	708,495.00
2009	506,000.00	204,795.00	710,795.00
2010	536,000.00	180,445.00	716,445.00
2011	561,000.00	154,150.00	715,150.00
2012	591,000.00	126,100.00	717,100.00
2013	621,000.00	96,550.00	717,550.00
2014	655,000.00	65,500.00	720,500.00
2015	655,000.00	32,750.00	687,750.00
	14,811,172.00	6,035,076.57	20,846,248.57

Report of the Town Treasurer

July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996

Cash on hand 6/30/95	$8,166,612.00	Payments, as authorized	$34,757,395.51
Receipts 7/1/95-6/30/96	38,175,147.27	Cash on hand 6/30/96	11,584,363.76
	46,341,759.27		46,341,759.27

Interest income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts & Stabilization Account $391,772.16

FUNDS BORROWED DURING PERIOD 7/1/95-6/30/96, AS AUTHORIZED

Note #	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
931	BAN (Renewal Notes 926, 928 & partial 927	BayBank	11/17/95	2,700,821.00	2/16/96 Paid Off	3.92	48,336.70
932	School Construction	BayBank	11/17/95	2,300,000.00	2/16/96 Paid off	3.92	
933-936	Municipal Purpose (Partial renewal of note 929)	Bank of Western MA.	11/17/95	299,179.00	4 yr. installment maturing 11/17/99	4.80	7,180.30
	General obligation bonds school construction	Raymond James & Associates	2/15/96	9,926,000.00	2/15/2015 19 yr. installment	4.80	

TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Account	* 6/30/95	Deposits	Interest & Div.	Transfers & Withdrawals	6/30/96
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	12,795.52	-	574.03	-	13,369.55
George Longley	4,312.21	-	193.44	-	4,505.65
Susan Bridgman (Cemetery_)	984.60	-	44.06	-	1,028.66
Whiting Street	40,611.53	-	1,821.91	-	42,433.44
Willard Stebbins (Cemetery)	5,099.19	-	228.78	-	5,327.97
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	7,768.29	-	348.41	-	8,116.70
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	55,026.95	-	10,390.04	9,357.36	56,059.63
Vianna Somes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1,759.02	-	78.88	-	1,837.90
Nellie Brown (Mt.Hope Cem.)	4,239.36	-	189.58	50.00	4,378.94
Perpetual Care (MMDT Cem.)	73,885.66	-	4,123.73	-	78,009.39
Perpetual Care (Reg. Cem.)	11,140.08	3,150.00	296.43	2,760.75	11,825.76
Frank Scialla Memorial Fund	3,955.76	-	177.59	-	4,133.35
Conservation	13,447.92	-	582.15	686.47	13,343.60
Stabilization Fund (MMDT)	448,207.33	325,042.86	36,584.59	50,000.00	759,834.78
Pension Reserve	16,862.92	-	941.16	-	17,804.08
Senior Center Trust	9,840.61	419.00	456.28	-	10,715.89
	709,936.95	328,611.86	57,031.06	62,854.58	1,032,725.29

* The 1995 figures have been adjusted in the recent audit.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Treasurer

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Fiscal 1975 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		356.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		234.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 9/30/95		891.48
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	891.48	
	891.48	891.48

Fiscal 1980 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		957.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	957.60	
	957.60	957.60

Fiscal 1981 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		792.40
Committed for Coll.		22.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	814.80	814.80

Fiscal 1982 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		1,163.14
Committed for Coll		43.01
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	1,206.15	
	1,206.15	1,206.15

Fiscal 1983 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Coll.		44.09
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	44.09	
	44.09	44.09

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		72.59
Committed for Coll.		45.13
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	117.72	
	117.72	117.72

Fiscal 1985 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Collection		135.95
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	135.95	
	135.95	135.95

Fiscal 1986 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Collection		265.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	265.40	
	265.40	265.40

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		51.24
Committed for Coll.		266.11
Collected	46.85	
Outstanding 6/30/96	270.50	
	317.35	317.35

Fiscal 1988 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		1,586.44
Committed for Coll		658.32
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,244.76	
	2,244.76	2,244.76

Fiscal 1989 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		2,474.41
Committed for Coll		690.69
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	3,165.10	
	3,165.10	3,165.10

Fiscal 1990 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		291.98
Committed for Coll		815.33
Collected	82.66	
Outstanding 6/30/96	1,024.65	
	1,107.31	1,107.31

Fiscal 1991 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		15,759.45
Committed for Coll.		904.17
To Tax Title	10,630.73	
Collected	3,829.98	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,202.91	
	16,663.62	16,663.62

Fiscal 1992 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		34,610.15
Committed for Coll.		934.86
To Tax Title	18,475.07	
Collected	14,432.62	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,637.32	
	35,545.01	35,545.01

Fiscal 1993 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		98,681.63
Committed for Coll.		1,031.50
To Tax Title	27,607.57	
Collected	57,372.73	
Outstanding 6/30/96	14,732.83	
	99,713.13	99,713.13

Fiscal 1994 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		334,630.63
Refunded		3,732.97
Abated	5,750.15	
To Tax Title	120,476.79	
Collected	102,293.65	
Outstanding 6/30/96	109,843.01	
	338,363.60	338,363.60

Fiscal 1995 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		596,363.42
Committed for Coll.		8.86
Refunded		1,335.20
Abated	1,126.15	
To Tax Title	122,311.42	
Collected	212,860.27	
Outstanding 6/30/96	261,409.64	
	597,707.48	597,707.48

Fiscal 1996 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		4,041,748.38
Committed for Coll.		4,944,901.34
Refunded		36,388.30
Abated	65,768.01	
Collected	8,152,071.80	
Outstanding 6/30/96	805,198.21	
	9,023,038.02	9,023,038.02

Fiscal 1997 Real Estate Tax

Committed for Coll		4,348,197.24
Collected	22,087.78	
Outstanding 6/30/96	4,326,109.46	
	4,348,197.24	4,348,197.24

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		286.56
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	286.56	
	286.56	286.56

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		330.10
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	330.10	
	330.10	330.10

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		211.88
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	211.88	
	211.88	211.88

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		270.38
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	270.38	
	270.38	270.38

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		346.69
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	346.69	
	346.69	346.69

Fiscal 1988 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		359.93
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	359.93	
	359.93	359.93

Fiscal 1989 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		491.55
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	491.55	
	491.55	491.55

Fiscal 1990 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		2,790.49
Collected	7.69	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,782.80	
	2,790.49	2,790.49

Fiscal 1991 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		3,203.04
Collected	30.21	
Outstanding 6/30/96	3,172.83	
	3,203.04	3,203.04

Fiscal 1992 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		3,398.16
Collected	30.64	
Outstanding 6/30/96	3,367.52	
	3,398.16	3,398.16

Fiscal 1993 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		5,406.92
Collected	172.77	
Outstanding 6/30/96	5,234.15	
	5,406.92	5,406.92

Fiscal 1994 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		11,133.37
Refunded		3.36
Abated	15.30	
Collected	913.07	
Outstanding 6/30/96	10,208.36	
	11,136.73	11,136.73

Fiscal 1995 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		43,591.06
Committed for Coll		253.68
Refunded		37.12
Abated	62.64	
Collected	14,343.94	
Outstanding 6/30/96	29,475.28	
	43,881.86	43,881.86

Fiscal 1996 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/95		112,362.26
Committed for Coll		120,959.42
Refunded		958.10
Abated	652.10	
Collected	216,441.41	
Outstanding 6/30/96	17,186.27	
	234,279.78	234,279.78

Fiscal 1997 Personal Property Tax

Committed for Coll		117,125.87
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	117,125.87	
	117,125.87	117,125.87

1994 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/95		3,251.27
To Tax Title	1,918.84	
Collected	622.48	
Outstanding 6/30/96	709.95	
	3,251.27	3,251.27

1995 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/95		7,612.82
To Tax Title	2,389.50	
Collected	3,279.65	
Outstanding 6/30/96	1,943.67	
	7,612.82	7,612.82

1994 Sewer Charges (Subs. 1996 Sewer Liens)

Outstanding 6/30/95		22,928.51
Committed Int. & Fees		2,374.20
Abated	12.96	
Collected	11,086.22	
Outstanding 6/30/96	14,203.53	
	25,302.71	25,302.71

1995 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/95		30,251.31
Committed for Coll.		145,538.27
Refunded		141.96
Abated	379.77	
Collected	150,945.32	
Outstanding 6/30/96	24,606.45	
	175,931.54	175,931.54

1996 Sewer Charges

Committed for Coll.		74,674.36
Collected	43,163.22	
Outstanding 6/30/96	31,511.14	
	74,674.36	74,674.36

1983 Farm Animals Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		107.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	107.50	
	107.50	107.50

1984 Farm Animals Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		148.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	148.50	
	148.50	148.50

1985 Farm Animals Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		115.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	115.50	
	115.50	115.50

1986 Farm Animals Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1987 Farm Animals Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1988 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		345.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	345.50	
	345.50	345.50

1989 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		174.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	174.50	
	174.50	174.50

1990 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		411.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	411.50	
	411.50	411.50

1991 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		448.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	448.50	
	448.50	448.50

1992 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		292.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	292.50	
	292.50	292.50

1993 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		2,123.75
Collected	845.37	
Outstanding 6/30/96	1,278.38	
	2,123.75	2,123.75

1994 Farm Animal Excise

Committed for Collection		2,339.20
Collected	35.50	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,303.70	
	2,339.20	2,339.20

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		2,996.10
Collected	40.75	
Outstanding 6/30/96	2,955.35	
	2,996.10	2,996.10

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		3,337.26
Collected	67.17	
Outstanding 6/30/96	3,270.09	
	3,337.26	3,337.26

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		4,151.49
Collected	129.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	4,022.49	
	4,151.49	4,151.49

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		3,733.90
Collected	10.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	3,723.90	
	3,733.90	3,733.90

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		8,650.19
Collected	407.71	
Outstanding 6/30/96	8,242.48	
	8,650.19	8,650.19

1988 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		9,557.44
Collected	364.79	
Outstanding 6/30/96	9,192.65	
	9,557.44	9,557.44

1989 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		11,037.09
Refunded		37.41
Abated	20.00	
Collected	627.10	
Outstanding 6/30/96	10,427.40	
	11,074.50	11,074.50

1990 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		10,793.91
Refunded		37.68
Abated	20.00	
Collected	314.14	
Outstanding 6/30/96	10,497.45	
	10,831.59	10,831.59

1991 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		9,770.34
Collected	881.78	
Outstanding 6/30/96	8,888.56	
	9,770.34	9,770.34

1992 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		10,122.80
Collected	1,016.45	
Outstanding 6/30/96	9,106.35	
	10,122.80	10,122.80

1993 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		11,823.87
Committed for Coll.		15.31
Refunded		40.00
Abated	73.75	
Collected	3,130.35	
Outstanding 6/30/96	8,675.08	
	11,879.18	11,879.18

1994 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		31,834.28
Committed for Coll.		1,059.39
Refunded		578.79
Abated	789.81	
Collected	17,979.55	
Outstanding 6/30/96	14,703.10	
	33,472.46	33,472.46

1995 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/95		201,893.29
Committed for Coll.		152,283.43
Refunded		6,885.13
Abated	15,212.07	
Collected	319,904.92	
Outstanding 6/30/96	25,944.86	
	361,061.85	361,061.85

1996 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed for Collection		652,116.21
Refunded		2,166.86
Abated	12,962.08	
Collected	477,958.93	
Outstanding 6/30/96	163,362.06	
	654,283.07	654,283.07

1993 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/95		85.00
Collected	85.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	0.00	
	85.00	85.00

1994 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/95		163.20
Collected	163.20	
Outstanding 6/30/96	0.00	
	163.20	163.20

1995 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/95		156.40
Collected	78.20	
Outstanding 6/30/96	78.20	
	156.40	156.40

1996 Bay Road Betterment

Committed for Coll.		523.60
Collected	448.80	
Outstanding 6/30/96	74.80	
	523.60	523.60

1994 Warren Wright Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/95		65.10
Collected	65.10	
Outstanding 6/30/96	0.00	
	65.10	65.10

Water Betterment In Advance

Outstanding 6/30/95		452,102.39
Collected	16,867.36	
To Apprtned. Payment	435,235.03	
	452,102.39	452,102.39

1996 Daigle Well Betterment

Committed for Coll.		73,681.52
Refunded		5,236.08
Abated	5,236.08	
Collected	58,210.59	
Outstanding 6/30/96	15,470.93	
	78,917.60	78,917.60

Daigle Well Betterment Final Payments

Committed for Coll.		11,070.69
Collected	5,915.56	
Outstanding 6/30/96	5,155.13	
	11,070.69	11,070.69

Sewer Accounts Receivable

Committed for Coll.		7,000.00
Collected	7,000.00	
Outstanding 6/30/96	0.00	
	7,000.00	7,000.00

Ambulance Accountants Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/95		38,475.16
Committed for Coll.		160,256.47
Refunded		1,311.20
Abated	30,780.31	
Collected	126,911.92	
Outstanding 6/30/96	42,350.60	
	200,042.83	200,042.83

Misc. Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/95		86,240.05
Committed for Coll.		43,566.75
Refunded		151.88
Abated	4,091.84	
Collected	27,667.01	
Outstanding 6/30/96	98,199.83	
	129,958.68	129,958.68

Total Collections July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

Taxes, Liens, Excises	9,911,662.28
Miscellaneous Accounts	133,911.92
Interest and Fees on all Taxes, Liens, Excises	150,645.64
	10,196,219.44
Quarterly Reconciliations & Turnovers	10,062,307.72
Miscellaneous Accounts	133,911.92
	10,196,219.64

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town and Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

STATISTICS

1995 Vital Statistics Received After Filing of Last Year's Report

BIRTHS

Place	Males	Females
Springfield	6	8
Northampton	2	4
Seoul, Korea	0	1
Holyoke	1	0
	9	13

NO ADDITIONAL MARRIAGES

DEATHS

Male	Female
4	4

Residents of Belchertown	8
Non-residents	0
	8

Place of Death	No.
Northampton	1
Ware	3
Springfield	3
Worcester	1
	8

1996

BIRTHS

Place	Males	Females
Holyoke	4	9
Ware	9	8
Springfield	31	24
Northampton	25	25
Belchertown	1	2
Beverly	1	0
Southbridge	0	1
	71	69

MARRIAGES

	Males	Females
Resident	39	42
Non-resident	16	13
	55	55

Married in Belchertown: 31 Married Out-of-Town: 24

DEATHS

Males — 29 Females — 33 = 62

Residents of Belchertown	57
Non-residents	5
	62

PLACE OF DEATH	NO.
Belchertown	20
Amherst	2
Palmer	2
Holyoke	5
Northampton	3
South Hadley	2
Springfield	12
Worcester	1
Ware	6
West Springfield	1
Hampden	2
Hadley	2
Wilbraham	1
Milford	2
East Longmeadow	1
	62

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$12,165.35	948
Dog Licenses (Gross)	9,427.00	1,405
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,445.00	489
B-M-D) Certified Abstracts	168.00	42
Marriage Intentions	580.00	58
UCC & Terminations	1,831.00	206
Pole Orders	580.00	29
Sale of Zoning By-Laws & Subdivision Regulations	1,020.00	46
Planning Board Fees	4,710.00	52
Board of Appeals Fees	2,423.00	25
Fuel & Gas Registrations	30.00	12
Business Registrations	570.00	59
Raffle Permits	100.00	10
Sale of Street Lists	290.00	18
Voter I.D. Cards	50.00	10
Homestead Filings	160.00	16
Parking Citations/Fines	170.00	8
Historic District Filings	225.00	9
Burial Permits	285.00	19
Dog Fines/Fees	820.00	77
Misc. Sales	194.97	67
	$38,244.32	3,605

PAYMENTS TO	
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	$11,966.25
Town of Belchertown	26,278.07
	$38,244.32

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors annual report for 1996 can be best described as another year of change.

In **Fiscal Year 1996** the total taxable **value** of the Town was **$549,837,925**. The Amount of new growth was $298,157. and by adding our two debt exclusions the total **levy limit** was **$8,533,796**. The total town budget before the tax rate was set for fiscal year **1996** was **$20,011,675.67**. The amount of **cherry sheet, estimated receipts and other revenue sources** was **$11,010,828.84**. The amount needed to be **raised by taxation** was **$9,004,969**. In order to raise those monies, the **tax rate** was set at **$16.37** for **fiscal year 1996**.

In calendar year **1996** we acted on **134** Clause 18, 22, 37 and 41C exemptions. We also acted on a total of **188** real estate and personal property abatement applications.

A new staff position of field reviewer has been added to the assessors' work force this year. As of July 24, 1996 we welcomed John Clegg. John's expertise in the field of appraisal has made him an excellent choice and credit to the office.

The assessors' office staff have proven time and again, they consistently strive to do the best job possible for our town. This Board of Assessors is committed to serving the citizens of Belchertown, and to making the office accessible to all citizens and taxpayers. As always, we look forward to another busy year of service.

Board of Assessors
David Kiernan, Chairman
Michael Forgue, Vice-Chairman
Janise Fitzpatrick, Clerk

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Zoning Board of Appeals received twenty-seven applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals. The Board had quite of a variety of applications from the usual duplexes, sideline and frontage issues. Due to a couple of devastating fires in town the Masonic temple and Dorey Jeep came to the Board of Appeals with their reconstruction plans and were granted their Special Permits. There were three applications carried over to 1997.

The members of the Board of Appeals would like to use this opportunity to give a special thanks to Florine Neggers for the many years of service she gave to the Board. Florine you are missed.

Michael A. Roncolato, Chairman
Stephen Wurmbrand, Clerk
Scott Surner, Member
Sandra Webb, Associate
Walter Henry, Associate
Walter Combs, Associate

Conservation Commission

The Commission held seventy-two permit hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; twenty-three of these were Notices of Intent, forty-three were Requests for Determination and six were amendments to Notices. Twenty-one enforcement issues were pursued. In addition, four Emergency Certificates were issued.

The Commission continued its oversight of the project to remove nuisance vegetation (vegetative mats) from Lake Metacomet. This initiative, supported by the Tri-lakes Association and funded in part with state monies, was completed at the end of the season.

The Commission's Conservation Land and Trails Committee, a citizens' group dedicated to managing and improving the Town's conservation areas, proceeded with plans to improve sections of the Metacomet and Manadnock Trail that winds through the Wentworth Conservation Area on its way north to Holland Glen.

The Commission worked with Town officials on identifying eligible Protected Parkland parcels to replace the parkland converted for the Swift River School.

The Commission participated in planning for the Belchertown Rail Trail, and reviewed all septic system installation permits, forest cutting plans, ANR's, gravel permits, site plan review permits, and subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests.

Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Map was updated and republished and is available for purchase at Town Hall and recreation outlets in and around Town. The Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan was also updated and reprinted. Copies of this document, which outlines a five year Action Plan for meeting Town open space conservation and recreation goals, are available at the Commission Office, Clapp Library and other Town Board offices.

In March, Jane Harris, Belchertown's Conservation Administrator for five years, left to move with her family to the Cape. The Commission was pleased to hire Nancy Putnam, former Conservation Administrator for the city of Pittsfield, to fill the position. Due to the continuing increase in volume of work, the position increased to 32 hours per week. Additionally, a part-time clerical position was added.

A new Massachusetts law, the Rivers Protection Act, was passed in 1996, adding a new area of jurisdiction, the "riverfront area" to the Wetlands Protection Act. This increases the review authority for all Commissions around rivers and streams..

The seven volunteer Commissioners bring over sixty years of combined tenure to the board. They contribute varied expertises to oversee the conservation and management of the Town's natural resources. Members have backgrounds and professional training in hydrogeology, forestry, natural resource management, agriculture, development, surveying, septic design, wildlife and engineering.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Ruhf, Chair
David Haines, Vice Chair
Robert Stover, Clerk
Joseph Babineau
Jennie Greene
Hubert Greene
Rob Rizzo
Paul Eurkus, Associate
LeeAnne Connolly, Associate
David Kopacz, Associate

Planning Board

The Planning Board Office reviews and processes Approval Not Required plans, Certificates of Completion for subdivisions, Site Plan Approvals, Common Drive Special Permits and modifications to these applications. Recommendations on applications to the Board of Appeals were prepared by the Planning Board. Review and coordination with other departments continues.

General

Staff support, through the Planning Office has been provided to:

— Board of Health Department
— Board of Selectmen
— Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Office
— Conservation Commission
— Department of Public Works
— Economic Development Industrial Corporation
— Town Administrator Office
— Open Space and Recreation Update Committee
— Zoning Board of Appeals and other Town Departments, Boards and Commissions

Residential Subdivision Activity

Preliminary plans and definitive subdivision processes were reviewed during 1996. The Planning Board reviewed several subdivisions under construction during 1996.

Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were continually reviewed. The Board monitors the progress of 7 subdivisions.

The Planning Board endorsed 17 Approval Not Required (ANR) Plans, and/or revisions to plans.

Several Site Plan applications and decisions were handled through the Planning Board.

Regulatory Activity

The Zoning Bylaws were amended by the Planning Board, to define and clarify regulations. Three zoning map changes, petitioned by land owner's were passed at Town Meeting.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

— James Hodgen, Chairman and Single Signature
(Term expires: 2000);
— Michael Beresky, Vice Chairman
(Term expires: 2001);
— Douglas Albertson, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) Representative
(Term expires: 1998);
— Elizabeth Chase, Clerk, and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Alternate Representative
(Term expires: 1997);
— J. Arnold Voehringer, Member
(Term expires: 1999);
— Michael Henry, Alternate Voting Member;
— Ronald Akins, Associate Member;
— Daniel Laroche, Associate Member.

Personnel

Susan M. Gay is the secretary for the Planning Board Department.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Hodgen
Chairman, Planning Board

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The BEDIC met regularly throughout the year and continued to pursue the development of the former Belchertown state School property as a comprehensive Senior Citizen community. This development began to take shape this year as a number of long-term efforts were finalized with tangible results. Among the activities of the year were the following:

Legislation was filed authorizing the transfer of the State School property to the BEDIC.

This legislation was passed in July and allows the Department of Capital Planning and Operations (DCPO)to enter into an agreement to transfer the property to the BEDIC.

DCPO started the environmental assessment of the property and has begun the remedial work necessary to make the title transfer possible.

The State School campus has been surveyed in anticipation of the transfer of the property.

An appraisal of the property was completed by the State, also to prepare for the property transfer.

BEDIC commissioned and completed a preliminary marketing feasibility study to determine the potential markets for the senior community.

In response to this initial study, BEDIC commissioned and developed a targeted concept plan for the Comprehensive Senior Citizen Community.

Discussions with developers, potential sponsors and other stakeholders continued throughout the year.

BEDIC created a business park sub-committee to identify potential uses for other parcels of the property.

BEDIC continued to work on agreements concerning the location for the courthouse on the BSS premises.

This has been a productive year for the committee, but progress remains slow given the complexity of the issues facing reuse of this property. We remain optimistic that there is considerable income potential to the town in furthering this plan and hope the coming year will demonstrate the feasibility and strength of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lanphear, Chairman
Arthur Fiorelli, Vice Chairman
Steven McCafferty, Clerk
Robert Brinkman
David Devine
Jay Rossi
William G. Whitlock

Hampshire County Report

Twenty-five County Commissioners represent twenty municipalities in forum for regional cooperation

Belchertown is represented on the Hampshire County Board of Commissioners by Bernard R. Kubiak. The governmental structure of Hampshire County is designed specifically to foster regional cooperation. A new Charter approved by the voters in 1988 establishes a structure unique among the fourteen counties in Massachusetts. The citizens of each of the twenty municipalities elect Commissioners to represent "each municipality in this government of Hampshire County to foster the development of voluntary associations of local governments to address and resolve the common concerns and needs of the twenty-first century and beyond".

Commissioners have facilitated the development of regional E911 dispatch system, regional recycling, a regional mass casualty response plan, and the Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee. They are currently working with police chiefs to find a regional solution to pre-arraignment holding problems and with police, fire, and ambulance services to develop a coordinated plan to respond to hazardous materials accidents. Commissioners have appointed an Historical Records Advisory Board which is seeking ways to improve the preservation and public access to county and municipal records. An Airport Committee is working with the Mass Aeronautics Commission toward the feasibility of County ownership of the Northampton Airport.

Regional Services

The Department has an extremely successful year screening, placing, and delivering federal surplus property to local communities. Items include 33 vehicles, file cabinets, microscopes, snowplows, tools, trailers, computers, jacks, fork lifts, steel, a complete automotive shop setup, and many other smaller items. Communities typically pay about 10 percent of the current value of the property, most of which goes to the State. The Massachusetts State Agency for Surplus Property has the authority to screen federal surplus property, and has delegated that authority to the County screener, Geoff Rogers. The State has no one who actually screens property.

The Hampshire Inspection Program, run by the Regional Services Department, provided building inspection and zoning enforcement services for three communities. The Department worked with local officials to develop a countywide Local Emergency Planning Committee, whose mission is to plan for emergencies involving hazardous materials. The development of a regional plan is being funded through grants. Other Departmental activities include running an annual municipal law seminar and a workshop on municipal road legalities, coordinating legislative activities, producing a countywide newsletter, and staffing various County municipal advisory committees.

Insurance Trust

The Hampshire County Commissioners are trustees for a cooperative effort to provide the public employers of Hampshire County life, accident and health benefit programs. The Trust served approximately 2700 employees and their dependents in FY96. With over 5,600 jointly covered lives, the towns, fire districts, schools, school districts and organizations enjoy the benefits and savings realized by belonging to a large group that has a collective premium base of over ten million dollars.

During FY96, $910,716 was refunded from Blue Cross Blue Shield to member units. In FY97 member units are already benefitting from Trust activity in the form of monthly premium reductions for Network Blue coverage, providing instant rebates on the HMO coverage. The health insurance business in FY97 that is placed with Blue Cross Blue Shield has been transferred from a full premium basis to an alternative funding program managed by the Trust.

The transition to alternate funding was smooth and successful with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The conversion strategy of retaining the same claim administrators made the change unnoticeable to employees and health care providers. The Insurance Department is presently negotiating with Kaiser, Community Health Plans and Health New England to transfer that business in FY97 and FY98 to alterative funding.

Cooperative Purchasing saves region $2.4M

The County Cooperative Purchasing Program saves money for the residents of Hampshire County through cooperative bidding efforts. The Department serves 10 County Departments, 19 Municipalities, 11 School Districts and 47 Human Service Agencies. Chief Procurement Officer Anne Moran and her staff of two administered cooperative bids for goods and services in the amount of about $7.5M with a projected savings of approximately $2.4M. the Co-op operates on the principle that buying in bulk generates additional savings over lone bidding efforts while eliminating duplication of administrative work and ensuring compliance with state procurement laws. A "fee for savings" generated $44,247 toward offsetting operating expenses of $106,000. Additional costs not included in the cooperative's budget are expenses for a share of maintenance, capital and administrative expenses and employee benefits.

This year's School Furniture Co-op coordinated the purchase of classroom and library furniture for school in Amherst, Chicopee, Easthampton, Heath, Lenox, Longmeadow, Monson, New Braintree, Northampton, Pittsfield, South Hadley, Stockbridge, Ware and Westhampton.

Human Services Department

As a regional service, the Human Services Department represents the County's twenty municipalities in the area of human services. Each town and city is unable to provide a full human service presence in town or city hall. therefore, the County Department serves as a resource, communication, and technical assistance center, and as a liaison between the local community and the state human service system. Since almost all human service delivery is regional, this view of the system and this regional planning, coordination, and capacity building has worked well for nearly eighteen years. The Department facilitates community-based planning for integrated local human services.

The Department brought in grants totaling $175,000 from both state and federal governments to reduce tobacco use and to promote safe roads. In FY96 the SafeRoads program focused particular attention on the towns of Belchertown, Easthampton, and Pelham. In FY97 this will continue and attention will focus in Granby and South Hadley. The Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition worked county wide. Support was given to the Boards of Health in Belchertown and Northampton as they worked on tobacco regulations. In FY97 groundwork will be laid in Hadley. Mini-grants supported work in the Hilltowns, Easthampton, Amherst, and Ware.

The Department works with over a dozen coalitions. One new project was the initiation of Hampshire Health Access established with $40,500 of public and private grants. The program is based at First Call for Help, the county-wide information and referral agency. People without health insurance are linked with providers who will give low-cost or no-cost health care.

Nursing home receives top state and federal marks

A facility for both short term sub-acute care, and for traditional long-term care, the Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility again received a 100% no deficiency certification inspection. The effectiveness of the staff in meeting the medical, nursing, therapeutic, and social needs of patients is rated by an inspection process involving several hundred standards measuring that care. Statements of appreciation from residents, patients, and their families confirm the inspectors' findings.

Licensed nursing personnel care for both short and long term patients. Licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists operate the rehabilitation program. After traumatic injury, stroke or joint replacement, 2 to 4 weeks of intense multi-disciplinary therapeutic intervention enables people to regain functional independence. The nursing team receives ongoing training to keep abreast of ways to understand and respond to the needs of patients. Recent topics have included caring for patients with Alzheimer's and certification in IV therapeutics.

The Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility (L.T.C.F.) continues to work with Hospice of Hampshire County in the care of the terminally ill, including those with cancer and aids. A reputation for professionalism and empathy continue to make the L.T.C.F., the facility of choice for patients, families and the medical community.

Jail and House of Correction

Funding for the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction is now appropriated at the state level. In addition, 75% of the county share of Deeds excise revenues are statutorily assigned to the Sheriff. Commissioners continue to have a statutory obligation for oversight and conduct two inspections of the Jail and House of Correction each year.

Treasures Office

For the second consecutive year, the Administration denied Hampshire County Commissioners money from a special Deeds Excise fund created in part to solve Hampshire Count funding problems. They have statutory access to it, to correct an inequity created several years ago in the calculation of the Hampshire County Assessment. This created a shortfall the Legislature addressed with a Legislative deficiency appropriation. A gubernatorial veto left in question the payment of county obligations for vendor bills, bank loans, and salaries. A last minute override (154 to 1 in the House) in the Legislature enabled the county to keep its doors open and to pay all bills when the funds were finally distributed in FY97.

Expenditures and cash on hand processed by the Hampshire County Treasurer's Office during FY96 totaled $25,112,294, including $8,805,900 in a Public Safety Grant for the Jail and House of Correction, $5,499,131 for the Hampshire County Long Term Care Facility, $2,242,539 in the County General Fund, and a number of smaller accounts.

Receipts and cash on hand processed by the office totaled $25,112,294, including $1,019,149 in Trial Court reimbursements, $8,805,900 from a state Public Safety Grant, $5,165,880 earned income collected at the Long Term Care Facility, and $309,196 from town assessments. Hampshire County has the lowest county assessments in the Commonwealth. Hampden County paid $28,697 as partial settlement on a court judgment for housing its prisoners ten years ago.

A complete report of the FY96 expenditures and revenues can be obtained from the County Treasurer's Office.

Retirement System now over 54% funded

Thirty-seven employer units participate in the Hampshire County Retirement System, with total membership on December 31, 1995, of 3,553 people. Fund assets increased $4.2M over the year, from $60,876,018 to $65,089,663. Those assets must pay the retirement benefits owed to past and current employees. Those obligations exceed current assets, and since 1992, Hampshire County has been on a schedule to become "fully funded" by the year 2032, and is now over 54% funded. Higher returns from investments will ultimately reduce the amounts units must meet through appropriations.

The Retirement System is regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) and managed locally by County Treasurer Harry Chadwick, Council Member Warren White and Elected Member Patrick Brock. Employees of the member units do not pay into Social Security, but instead, accrue benefits in the local system. The Retirement Board and staff pride themselves on personal service to employees and retirees at the local level.

The overall rate of return to the portfolio in 1995 was 21.96%.

County asked to subsidize Trial Courts

Although the operation of the Trial Courts was removed from the counties and taken over by the Commonwealth, they continue to be located in county buildings. Hampshire County provides maintenance and security for the buildings under an agreement in which the state agrees to reimburse the county for 100% of actual costs. Reimbursement occurs after the costs are incurred and in recent years only about 80% of the recognized costs have been appropriated by the legislature. A planned replacement of the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system was postponed due to lack of funds.

Registry Computer System offers remote modem access

The computer system which come on line during May 1994, continue to operate in an efficient and orderly manner. Register Marianne Donohue is exploring ways to have this system grow with the ever-increasing demands for services. The possibilities of the system creating deed books, offering a fax gateway and sending images remotely are just a few of the options being investigated to reduce spending and increase revenues.

During fY96, the total amount of money spent on real estate in Hampshire County amounted to $249,746,790. The County revenue collected by the Registry of Deeds from the fees and excise taxes these sales generated was $1,620,099. Recording fees of $502,532 were retained in the County general fund to support all county functions. Deeds Excise revenues are distributed according to a statutory formula. When applied to FY96 collections, the formula resulted in the following distribution: $642,601 to the Commonwealth, $201,600 for the payment of old jail operating debt, $205,024 for current jail expenses, $27,337 for Registry expenses, and $41,005 for other county expenses.

County provides "home" for myriad of regional functions

Quasi-judicial functions at regional level

Property Tax Appeals
Decisions on changes to the status of roads designated "county roads"

Administrative and/or financial support

Hampshire County Dog Fund
Hampshire County Emergency Medical Services
Hampshire County Fire Defense Association
Hampshire County Hazardous Materials Contingency Fund
Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Hampshire County Radio Dispatch System
Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

Appointments

Hampshire Community Action Commission
Hampshire County Dog Officer
Hampshire County Engineer
Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority
Hampshire County Retirement Board
Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee
Springfield Materials Recycling Facility

Submitted by Commissioner
Bernard R. Kubiak

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department continued to progress in 1996. The department was funded to refurbish and utilize at the former Nursery One building on the grounds of the now closed Belchertown State School as a police station. Grants received allowed the department to continue and expand programs such as D.A.R.E. and the Community Policing. Special motor vehicle enforcement grants allowed the department to expand drunk driving and speed patrols. Enhanced 9-1-1 technology was initiated early in the year and will provide our citizens with a life saving service. Additional officers to our ranks will create better patrol staffing and investigative efforts.

Crime levels were typical of the previous year. Three hundred and forty nine persons were taken into custody for various offenses. Forty seven of these persons were charged with drug violations which indicates a slight increase from 1995. However for the second year in a row drunk driving arrests decreased. This is an encouraging trend. Forty seven persons were charged with driving under the influence which is a sharp decline from the not too distant past when one hundred or more arrests for this offense was common on a yearly basis.

Special patrols were utilized many times during the year that targeted speed and operating under the influence offenders. Extra patrols were available over many holiday weekends. These patrols were available due to moneys received via grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. Vehicles speeding through neighborhoods, usually during work commuter hours is a frequent complaint. In an effort to address these complaints and reduce accidents officers issued two thousand eight hundred thirty motor vehicle violations. Additionally one hundred ninety two accidents were investigated. We urge residents to drive carefully and make our town a safer place.

Community Policing efforts increased in 1996. Programs continued to expand as funding was made available to our department through grants distributed by the Executive Office of Public Safety. More police officers received community policing training and programs have been initiated with school students and administrators, senior citizens and neighborhood groups. A second D.A.R.E. officer has been trained and again grant money has allowed us to continue and expand this great program.

Bicycle patrols have been expanded and will continue to be used at special events and at more concentrated areas throughout the community. Three bikes were purchased through the 1996 Community Policing Grant and a fourth bike was generously donated recently by our local Lions Club.

Officer Kevin Pacunas and Officer Bruce Jenks joined our full time ranks in September of 1996 after graduating from the Municipal Police Officers Class at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center in Agawam. The addition of these officers allowed us to add one position to the overnight shift and to free another officer for investigative work.

In March of 1996, Belchertown Police Communications were modernized by the addition of Enhanced 9-1-1 service. All phones within the community allow people to reach police by dialing the universal emergency number 9-1-1. The dispatcher or officer answering will receive both a printed and digital display of the address of where the callers phone is located. If a call cannot be completed for any reason, police will be able to respond. It also allows police to communicate with persons who are speaking and/or hearing impaired.

Funding was appropriated to refurbish a building at the former Belchertown State School and convert it into a new police facility. The building is centrally located and will contain approximately nine thousand square feet of space compared to the one thousand six hundred square feet we now occupy. The new building will have a physical training area, expanded offices, records and communications space, locker and shower facilities, classroom training area and cell space. I think it will be a police station that is functional, efficient and one the community will be proud of.

The Belchertown Police Department is grateful for the support offered by our citizens, local government and surrounding criminal justice agencies. As always, the department will continue to provide the best public safety effort possible for our residents and visitors.

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

Fire Department

The Belchertown Fire Department has spent another busy year providing fire protection and expanding our services to the community. This could not be accomplished without the dedicated work from the personnel and the support from their families.

During the winter and spring months, we spent many hours investigating carbon monoxide alarms, and providing homeowners with some general information about the dangers. There are many questions and problems associated with this Silent Killer. Eighty percent of the alarms that we responded to found dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (C.O.) present in the homes. The C.O. was produced from many different sources and was detected in both, old, and newly constructed homes. It is definitely a growing concern to the public, as well as this department.

Belchertown experienced more than average precipitation this year. This led to many residents not being able to complete their springtime burning by the April 30th deadline. Even though Mother Nature was against most of us, unpermitted burning decreased this year.

A new training program was initiated this year to help standardize our training efforts with the Massachusetts Fire Academy. By combining the resources, the firefighters will be trained to a national level instituted by the National Fire Academy.

Thirteen people expressed interest in starting our auxiliary training program this year. We are flexible and understanding to people's needs and work schedules, but volunteering is more time consuming than one might expect. Five of the thirteen people are still active and progressing well.

The Training Coordinators held 50 three-hour training sessions during the year. This is in addition to the yearly CPR, Hazardous Materials and First Aid classes that are mandated by the State. The Massachusetts Fire Academy also delivered a twelve-hour weekend class here at our Fire Station and the firefighters participated in many of the Fire Academy's classes at their training facility in Stow, MA.

Fire education awareness was ongoing at the elementary school level again this year. Members from the Fire Department have been providing these services to the children for over twenty-five years.

During this year's fair, the firefighters, in conjunction with the Fair Committee, developed a Public Safety Booth featuring a simulated enhanced 911 call being placed to a switchboard operator. The focus of these calls was to educate the children on the importance of an emergency call and the information the children will need to provide for the 911 operator.

Fire prevention activities are steadily increasing with the rising growth of the community. Although, Belchertown is mostly residential, there were two large buildings reviewed and inspected having fire protections systems. The new Masonic Temple on Main Street and the Swift River Elementary School were very time consuming projects.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, Belchertown accepted two local option laws from Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148. One option accepted is that every dwelling will have approved, working smoke detectors. The second option accepted was that any building over 7,500 square feet will be required to be sprinkled. This is a pro-active approach to fire prevention and life safety.

In November, John Workman was hired as the Department's first full-time Fire Inspector and Firefighter. Beside combating fires, John's duties will be focused on expanding fire prevention, fire education and training activities.

Three people were appointed to the membership from our auxiliary training program this year. Ronald Beaver, Kevin Scott and Ray Robinson were all welcomed.

A Special Town Meeting, this fall, approved an appropriation of 1.1 million dollars for the New Fire Station Building Account. This is a great step forward in providing a facility that is long overdue for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock,
Fire Chief

Deputy Chief
Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgen

Captains
Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants
Richard Knight
John Workman

Auxiliary Firefighters
Darryn Beaudry
Jeff Scott
David Auchter
Scott Rae
Donald Thayer

Firefighters
David Gay
Max W. Bock
Wiliam Shattuck, Jr.
Erik Gay
Paul Tierney
Charles Beaver
William Chapman
Michael Samson
Edward L. Fuller
Gerard Gould
Roger McGinnis
Edward D. Fuller
Herbert Wood
Steven Williams
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Steven T.Hulmes
Robert Hodgen

Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Thomas Majerowski
Leonard Boisjolie
Kevin Scott
Raymond Robinson
Ronald Beaver

Types of Responses 1996

Total Repsonses	228
Structure Fires	9
Chimney Fires	9
Vehicle Fires	16
Vehicle Extrications	4
Forest, Brush, Grass	30
In Service Response	23
Investigations	32
Alarm Sounding	61
Mutual Aid	11
Unpermitted Burning	13
C.O. Detectors	29

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	1,112
Oil Burners	168
Propane Tanks	20
Smoke Detectors	227
Underground Tank Removals	24
Permits to maintain storage	5
Black Powder	2
Blasting	5
Tank Truck	14

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department is an agency dedicated to ensuring the safety, health and welfare of the occupants of buildings and structures throughout the Town. The department consists of one full time Inspector of Buildings, who also serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, one part-time Assistant Inspector of Buildings, two part-time Inspectors of Wiring, three part-time Inspectors of Plumbing and Gas Fitting and one full-time Technician/Secretary.

The Inspector of Buildings also serves as the Director of Inspection Services (Department Head), the Enhanced 9-1-1 Database Liaison, and the Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Chairman of the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee.

All aspects of construction are required to be inspected; from structural components, to accessibility requirements; at points of concealment to verify compliance with each code or regulation.

- Buildings in certain use groups are inspected annually to ensure that exits are kept clear and fire hazards are abated.

- The Inspectors of Wiring play a vital role in fire prevention. A high percentage of deadly fires are caused by faulty wiring.

- The Inspectors of Plumbing and Gas Fitting serve to ensure that health and fire safety regulations are met.

All the inspectors are well trained and qualified in their positions and continue to maintain those qualifications through testing, seminars and certification.

In 1996, construction in Belchertown maintained the high growth rate of years past.

The standard marker of single family home starts increased slightly from last year's 75 to 80 this year.

Belchertown's continuous building "season" was only hampered slightly by the severe winter weather in January - March. After that, new house starts remained very steady right through December.

The Swift River Elementary School was completed on schedule in late August.

Another project completed was the Vernon Lodge of Mason's reconstruction at 1 Main Street, after the devastating fire of August, 1994.

Fire again took its toll on local business, as Dorey Jeep was forced to begin reconstruction after a mid-year blaze that destroyed much of the car dealership's main showroom.

Fire prevention through proper design and fire resistive construction methods continues to be a very important focal point during building plan reviews and inspections so that some fires might be prevented.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures, I continue to test, inspect and seal weighing and measuring devices to ensure that consumers "get what they pay for".

The Americans with Disabilities Act Committee continued to meet this year and plan further implementation of Transition Plan to ensure that programs and services offered by the Town of Belchertown are provided in an accessible format.

The Department regrettably said "good-bye" to Mrs.. Cheryl Bishop, as she now serves as secretary for the Department of Public Works.

We all sincerely appreciated the hard work and dedication that Mrs. Bishop provided to the Department. We were sad to see her leave, yet glad that she still serves our Town.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Robin Oey has taken the position of Inspection Services Technician with the enthusiasm and energy required to handle the clerical and public service needs of this busy department.

Assistant Inspector of Buildings, Christopher Allison, resigned from his position this year, in order to devote more time to his construction business and musical career. We all wish Chris the best of luck and hope that we can work together in the future.

This year was filled with change, growth and the constant awareness that Belchertown is a community to be reckoned with!

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Holmes
Director of Inspection Services

Department of Inspection Services

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1996

Building Permits

Single dwelling units	80
Two dwelling units	0
Convert to multi-dwelling	0
Multi-Dwelling Units	0
Business/Commercial	5
Industrial	0
Mobile homes	0
Add/alter/repair	227
Sheds/barns/garages	73
Wood/coal stoves/chimneys	39
Public buildings	1
Demolitions	18
Swimming pools	35
Renewals/signs/others	5
Home Occupation Permits	28
Certificates of Inspection	24
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (new buildings)	68
Certificates of Occupancy/Use (alter, additions, sheds)	129
Total Permits Issued	732
Total Revenue	$62,804

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	411
Total Revenue	$18,317

PLUMBING PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	207
Total Revenue	$9,525

GAS PERMITS

Total Permits Issued	106
Total Revenue	$5,190

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Total Permits Issued	10
Total Revenue	$147

ALL DEPARTMENTS

Total Permits	1466
Total Revenue	$95,983

Belchertown Schools

This has been a year of growth, a year of reorganization, a year of academic expansion, and as always a year of significant challenges.

The Belchertown Schools are now divided into four segments: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12 By demand, more academic courses were added at the middle school and High school levels. Funding remains at the state minimum level.

Special needs requirements are beginning to infringe or regular education monies. We want to meet every child's need. However, growth and state mandates have made that an impossibility. Thanks to an outstanding faculty, our students still produce. Our schools scored extremely well on the state-wide tests. There is solid learning taking place. However, the time has come to reinforce our system with people and materials to do the job

The following are status reports from each of the levels.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In an effort to meet the growing developmental needs of our town's younger students, the Belchertown Public School System reorganized into four district levels. A newly created "Primary Level," now includes grades K through 2, and supports an enrollment of over 570 students. The primary grades hold the potential for starting children on a positive course of life long learning.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation's largest professional organization of early childhood educators, believes that one index of the quality of primary education is the extent to which the curriculum and instruction methods are developmentally appropriate for children 5 through 8 years of age. Restructuring of our school system has allowed us to focus on these exact areas of the educational Process, in order to be truly effective

A new principal, Sandra Bremer was appointed to the K-2 level, in June of 1996 A newly formed Primary School Council was established as well. Members include: Judy Battista; Parent Representative and Co-chairperson, Aimee Perreault; Parent Representative, Donna Skibel; Parent Representative, Susan Bennett: State Representative, Marnie Henneman; Staff Representative, Cynthia Dzailo; Community Representative, and Sandra Bremer; Principal and Co-chairperson

This newly formed School Council worked diligently to identify the "unique" concerns and issues pertinent to the primary level The collective data was assessed and then used to develop and compile a comprehensive School Improvement Plan that reflects and addresses specific areas related to early childhood education.

Many new programs such as Reading Recover, PALMS, Odyssey of the Mind, POW, guided Reading Instruction, Family Math, and Great Books have been established and initiated to meet the developmental needs of our youngest students An Intergenerational Grant, as well as a Community Partnership Grant, have been awarded to the Primary School level, as well. Both of these initiatives will be utilized to foster and promote the "Home-School-Community Connection" in an effort to form partnerships within a true community of life long learners.

SWIFT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Swift River Elementary School became a reality on August 24th of 1996 when the Town celebrated the opening of the school with a dedication ceremony hosted by the Elementary Building Committee. Throughout the year, 1996, the Elementary Building Committee, School Committee, School Council, and elementary staff worked in a co-ordinated effort toward bringing the Elementary School Building Project to a highly successful conclusion. This Fall the staff and students settled in to their new home and were thrilled to have an elementary library, advanced computers, and a fully equipped facility.

In October, Tom McCabe, noted storyteller provided activities in storytelling, creative writing and theater to help students, their families, faculty and staff celebrate the opening of the new school He was funded for a ten day residency by a grant written by barbara Schaffer-Bacon, parent of two Swift River Elementary School students. The two week residency focused on the the theme Creating an Environment for Peace: Creative solutions to conflict Resolution.

In September the faculty participated in a staff development workshop on recycling lead by a team from the Center for Ecological Training, a non-profit organization based in Northampton. Recycling will be the school theme for future interdisciplinary curriculum instruction and enrichment activities.

The Swift River School Council will need candidates to run for parent member seats on the council in an election to be held this Spring by the Belchertown P.T.O. Interested parents can get more information from the Swift River Elementary School office or from the Belchertown P.T.O.

CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The opening of Swift River Elementary School to our East provided relief from the high population density and space modifications at Chestnut Hill with which we have been working for several years The transfer of the grade 5 program to the new school has allowed for decreased traffic in the hallways and a greater flexibility and availability of library and classroom space and resources.

World Language - New to our curriculum this year is the initial phase of a World Language Curriculum for all students at the middle school. Students currently in grade 8 receive an introductory seminar involving the study of language and other cultures This seminar is designed to help them make the decision regarding language choice of French, Spanish or Latin when they get to the high school. In addition all grade seven students are enrolled in either French or Spanish classes. The language classes meet three times per week. As grade 8 students next year they will take the second year of their program. When these students enter the high school in September 1998 they will be able to move on to the second year of their language The current seminar to introduce students to the study of language will be moved into the grade 6 program next year.

Band - New to the CHCS Band program this year was the establishment of a mentor program wherein concert band members write to and or meet with younger beginning students. Chestnut Hill students once again were prominent members of both the Western District Music Festival Performance in West Springfield and the Quabbin Valley Music Festival at Palmer High School. A set of Exchange Concerts (Home and Away) were highly successful and memorable experiences for 160 students from both Chestnut Hill and Harwich Middle Schools.

Student Council - The student council offers students the opportunity to discuss common interest, prepare special events and programs and make suggestions to staff and administration. The council sparks interest and involvement in school dances, skating parties, and grade level events. This year's Giving Tree Food Dive greatly exceeded student goals and expectations. Thank you for your support.

Intramurals - Our Intramural Program provides alternatives for students who are not involved in recreation department programs. Programs in Golf: Track, Wrestling, Street Hockey, Tennis, and Drama have been offered. Individual skill development and team building skills are emphasized. Life long recreational activities such as tennis and golf have been very popular.

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Belchertown High School continued its growth both in population and programs. By the end of the year, the high school's enrollment was 548 with projections approaching 600 students for next year.

In accordance with the Educational Reform Initiative, the school day was lengthened. For the first time in recent history, a Latin teacher was added to the staff as the World Language Program was expanded. In addition, Belchertown High School students scored well above state averages on state assessment tests in all academic areas.

The academic program continued to be supported by numerous extracurricular offerings. The high school offered thirteen different sports and fielded thirty-one teams. Substantial increase in participation were experienced in cross country, volleyball, cheerleading and wrestling. More than two hundred students participated in the Athletic Program. This past winter, ice hockey was added for the first time

As has become the custom at the high school, the Music Program continued its tradition of excellence. One hundred and ten students participated, garnering numerous awards and honors. The Student Council and Humanities Clubs served all members of the school and community with pride and dignity.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

As of December 1, 1996 there were 347 special needs students in the Belchertown Public School System. The vast majority of these students were serviced through programs provided within the district. These in-district programs include resource rooms at each level: primary, elementary, middle school and high school, In addition to the six resource rooms, there is a Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School, two Early Childhood Programs at Swift River Elementary School and all Early Childhood Language Program at Cold Spring School. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages of 3 - 22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include: Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education. With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator, several students who would otherwise be placed In out-of-district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality special education programs provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs

Pathfinder Regional Vocational/Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Once again, the frequency and thoroughness of the response to education reform occupied the major portion of the Committee's time and efforts, and the Committee continue to be pleased with the progress which has been made in the area of curriculum development, professional improvement, student recruitment and retention. Serious concerns remained, however, with regard to the adequacy of funding generated by the school finance formula as applied to regional school district.

The School Committee welcomed David Droz as the member from the town of Palmer replacing Dr. Ronald J. Laviolette who resigned at the end of 1995. Mr. Droz was appointed by a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Palmer School Committee on January 23, 1996. Later in the year, the Committee experienced another vacancy with the resignation of David Squires of Belchertown. The Belchertown Board of Selectmen and the School Committee subsequently appointed Michael A. Roncolato - who had previously served on the Committee -to fill the unexpired term.

In the November election, all members whose term was due to expire were re-elected to four-year terms: Judith C. Dudek of Belchertown; Barbara Beaulieu of Monson, Sybil George of New Braintree; David Droz of Palmer; and Gary Connaughton of Granby, Randy Pelletier continued to serve as the student member for the second consecutive year. At the biennial organizational meeting held in November, Michael J. Cavanaugh of Palmer was re-elected chairman.

The School Council continued to meet on a monthly basis and to provide advice to the School Committee on a number of topics. Susan O'Connor joined the council as the new parent member, while Ann Marie Blake represented the faculty. The student representatives included junior Sarah Genereux and sophomore Robert Thayer.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre reported that several curriculum initiatives were initiated and/or continued during the school year included in this report:

* Pathfinder continued to be in full compliance with the Time and Learning Regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education for 1995-97.

* The Curriculum Committee continued to play a major role in reviewing and modifying course content and course offerings, with major emphasis this year on programs in Physical Education, Health, and Business.

* Freshman Integrated Mathematics, Science, and English-pilot programs last year—became fully operational.

* Progress was made on development of the school's Technology Plan and initial steps were taken to connect classrooms to the Internet.

Outside activities and off-campus projects continued to comprise a major portion of the curriculum for upper-class students. The carpentry, electrical, horticulture, and heating/air conditioning students completed the seventeenth house in the school's history. In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, the project was both an exceptional learning experience for the students and a successful fund raiser for the Chamber. In the fall, the carpentry department returned to the normal pattern of building for a private party in Palmer. The current project features the extensive use of glass and laminate beam floor construction.

The construction cluster of programs continued its tradition of service to member communities upon request. They completed projects for the Palmer Water District, the Palmer Landfill, and are currently involved in an addition to the local Visiting Nurse Association facilities.

An integral part of the Pathfinder curriculum is the Cooperative Education Program, alternating periods of paid employment and classroom instruction. Currently 22 students are enrolled. New employers to the program provided job opportunities in the heating and air conditioning field, design/manufacturing and machining industry, automobile and truck repair, and construction. The major supermarket chains provided new opportunities in computer operations, heating and air conditioning, and in their bakeries.

During 1996, initial steps were taken to design a Health Occupations Program to become the school's thirteenth technical offering. This effort has responded to employment needs and student interest surveys within the District. The program will rely heavily on cooperation with area hospitals and health care facilities, some of whom have already donated time, personnel expertise and equipment. The Committee anticipates that, if towns approve, this program may begin on a limited basis in September 1997.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 642 students, an increase of 6 over the previous year. The number of students from district towns increased, however, and included the following breakdown: Belchertown 75; Granby 31; Monson 109;

New Braintree 14; Palmer 115; and Ware 96. Out-of-district students accounted for the remaining 202.

Applications for admission to Pathfinder rose again this year and reached a high of 380. Much of the increased interest in the school can be attributed to the overwhelming response to efforts such as the annual Open House, the Spaghetti Super/Meet-the-Staff-Night, Chamber of Commerce Trade Show, the Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for seventh and eighth grade students.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 1996-97 school year, 284 were for the 150 available spaces in the ninth grade. Transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, indicating that the opportunity to experience a technical education at Pathfinder is most secure when initiated at the 9th grade level. For the third consecutive year, a waiting list was necessary in grades 9, 10, and 11 due in part to the large number of applications and to the size of the previous two freshman classes. Clearly, more students are applying to Pathfinder and are remaining once accepted.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new members at an impressive ceremony in May. This year Renaissance Students who were award winners and who demonstrated potential for eventual induction into the Society were also invited as guests. The speaker was 1989 Pathfinder graduate Jennifer Robbins.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Carpentry Student Shawn Lamoreux, of Granby. Earlier in the year, Shawn had received recognition as the designer and builder of a bench presented to Westfield State College in memory of Dr. John Nevins, former Vice President for Academic Affairs and Coordinator of Vocational Education Programs.

At the Academic Awards Program held in May, James Bonnayer of Ware received the award for the highest academic achievement. James had previously been presented with an automobile - which had been restored by Pathfinder shops - in recognition of his grade point average and other criteria developed by the Renaissance Program. The administration plans to continue this practice as a visible incentive for students to excel.

In June 1996, the graduating class of 93 seniors received diplomas and vocational certificates at indoor commencement exercises. Approximately 67% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive impact on pathfinder graduates, and several school - including the University of Massachusetts and Western New England College - have begun initial steps to form articulated programs with our technology offerings.

A growing number of Pathfinder graduates have shown interest in and gained admission to four-year programs at institutions such as the University of Massachusetts, North Adams State College, Sacred Heart University, Springfield College, Western New England College, Westfield State College, the University of Hartford, and Northern Arizona University. Scholarship chairman Mark Condon was proud to present approximately $15,000 in scholarships to members of the senior class. Local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and effort of the Pathfinder graduates. The school annually thanks those who have continued to generously support the scholarship fund and invites new interested parties who have expressed a desire to institute scholarships in 1997.

Pathfinder is also proud to note that currently two seniors - Lisa Banas (Computer Programming) of Ludlow and Larry Akers (Carpentry) of Springfield - are participating in Dual Enrollment. This program, which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, allows Grade 12 students to complete their senior year of high school at one of the state colleges. Both students are completing their Pathfinder requirements while attending Springfield Technical Community College full time. They are earning freshman college credit in the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Technology Programs, respectively, and will graduate from Pathfinder in the spring. Tuition for participants in this program is underwritten by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This is the second consecutive year of participation by Pathfinder students in this venture.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Student Council currently consists of 24 members representing all shops. Historically, this group has been more oriented toward service than to school governance. It experienced another active year which included continuation of the "Adopt-a-Highway" Program, regular participation in meetings and programs sponsored by the Regional Student Advisory Council, assembly and distribution of 26 Thanksgiving baskets to Valley Human Services, and maintenance of the bulletin board over the front stairway. For the second year, the council joined with the Peer Education Group to serve a sit-down dinner to the elderly just before Thanksgiving.

The Peer Education Group also experienced an active year; its membership increased to 15. The highlight of their activities continued to be the cooperative venture with Old Mill Pond Elementary School where high school students and younger children discuss such topics as drug abuse, smoking, and staying in school. Peer Educators also developed a strategy for "problem solving" which was distributed to shops and classrooms.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 1996 athletic seasons:

- Five of the seven varsity teams qualified for Western Massachusetts Athletic Tournaments, making this year the most successful in the school's history.

- The Varsity Softball Team won the TriCounty League championship for the second consecutive year.
- The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team won the Christmas Tournament for the third time.
- The Varsity Football Team - in its second year of play - recorded its first win over Franklin County Tech., 28-6, and competed against Ware for the first game of a traditional Thanksgiving Day rivalry.
- Both varsity soccer teams qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament and posted their best seasons ever.
- Senior Larry Akers was named TV-22 Athlete of the Week for a four goal game and overall team play.
- Jennifer Forte and Brian Arbour were recognized as Outstanding Senior Athletes at the annual awards program in June.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to eligible students in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction at Pathfinder (MVIP) Program. Services were provided to approximately 257 students in each prototype, depending upon the percentage to time spent in those services. Home and hospital instruction was provided to four students.

Approximately 286 TEAM meetings were scheduled throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and reevaluations. These TEAM meetings were conducted by both the IEP Planner/Liaison and the TEAM Teacher for the MVIP Program. These two positions provide support for the teachers in the special education programs along with teachers in regular classrooms. With the new federal requirements for transitioning special education students into work or other placements, these positions are invaluable to this Department. Parent and student contacts are also maintained by these staff members.

The School Committee continues to provide support for a dedicated special education staff. There are presently seventeen professional staff members who are supported with local funds. The Department has been able to add a teacher aide in the English computer laboratory utilizing the small amount of Title 1 funding as well as the Medicaid reimbursement available for eligible students receiving special education services. Two additional individual aides are supported with funds from non-district towns who have enrolled students requiring this service.

The MVIP Program again operated at capacity, and there is a waiting list of students who have applied for admission. Pathfinder's School-to-Work counselor has assisted in obtaining on-site job placements in area businesses for the MVIP students. Mary Lane Hospital continues to work with one of these students. In addition, the MVIP Program is serving one post graduate student this year under the auspices of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

Speech and language services were provided to 58 students of varying academic abilities. The speech pathologist has been conducting language development classes with small groups of students to assist them with social interaction. She has also been working in the resource rooms to develop more expressive language skills for special needs students.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of approximately 85 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self-control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home school, community, and legal problems. The adjustment counselor continues to attend in-service programs on topics outlined above in order to better serve the students at Pathfinder.

Other services available to Pathfinder students through the Special Education Department include occupational therapy and adaptive physical education.

Pathfinder also operated an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142, Perkins monies and Department of Youth Services funds. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school, with an expectation of greater success.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's new format, Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

- **P.L. 94-142 Special Education.** Resources were provided for all special education students attending the day program and included personal care attendant, supplies, consultants for evaluation, an afternoon program, and expenses related to the operation of a wheelchair van.
- **Media Enhancement.** Funds were available for updating the Newsbank Informational Network in the school library. This newsbank is used by all students for research and other projects assigned by their instructors.

- **Health Protection.** The funds assigned to Pathfinder this year were used to purchase contractual services of two professionals in this field. A small portion was put aside for supplies and conferences.

- **Drug Free School.** Pathfinder received a limited allocation which was used to enable two staff members to develop a program involving anti-drinking and anti-drug themes. They used a group of our high school students who in turn visited in-district elementary schools with their program.

- **Vocational Shop Enhancement.** Funds were received as an entitlement under the Perkins Act for special populations within the school. This past year the funds purchased a handicapped van which enabled a number of students to be more comfortably transported. Perkins funds supported the School-to-Work Coordinator for the 1996-97 school year.

- **Department of Youth Services**. The Department supported a year long program at Pathfinder which consisted of an afternoon program where students rotated between four shops during the school year. In addition, DYS supported a similar intensive summer program.

- **Eisenhower Professional Development.** This small allocation enabled science and mathematics teachers to attend conferences in their field.

- **Education Reform.** These funds enabled teacher study groups to continue to review the application of the Curriculum Frameworks to all students, including those with special needs, and their participation i a vocational program.

- **Title 1.** A limited amount of funding enabled the school to employ a half-time teacher aide.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in activities funded through the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. The Partnership was finally successful in acquiring a three-year implementation grant of $215,000.00 Among the initiatives supported by this grant are:

- Job-shadowing activities and placement for students in grades 9-12

- A Tech-Prep/School-to-Work Leadership activity involving two English teachers and 80 students in grades 9-12

- Cluster development sites in each partnership high school, currently working on financial, education, media/graphic communications, and machine technology.

- A seventy grade career interest and exploration program.

- A pre-engineering articulation agreement with Western New England College.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. Eighty youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two 10-day sessions. Each child took part into career areas, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer assisted drafting, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

One hundred sixty-five youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated two days per week and included six career areas: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, and electronics. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with his program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder's Evening School ran two sessions where, once again, the most popular offerings were in the field of computer applications. Four training sessions in Quikbooks were run in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Additional workshops in selected computer software programs were provided for the Granby Public Schools, Palmer town employees, and Peirson Industries.

In response to suggestions from the public, several offerings were scheduled one evening per week: Auto Body, Machine Technology, Auto Reconditioning, Horticulture, Culinary Arts, Spanish, and Cake Decorating.

Summer school offerings this year included U.S. History, English, Language Arts, Geometry, Algebra I & II, General Math, Life Science, EarthScience, Chemistry, Biology and Physical Education. Teachers utilized the IDEAL learning lab and other educational computer software packages as supplementary learning tools to the traditional classroom curricula. Students also had the opportunity to make-up a failing grade in Shop Related Class by attending a Summer Related Class Workshop. The 128 students who enrolled in summer school come from Pathfinder, Palmer, Belchertown, Ware, Monson, Minneachaug Regional, Quabbin Regional, Granby, Faith Baptist Academy, and Ludlow.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 35 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, and 9 teacher aides. Five administrators - three of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and was re-elected to a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Local Administrators. In November, Dr. Paist was also elected President of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist is also currently one of the three members from Massachusetts on the commission for Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves as Chairman of the Professional and Legal Standards Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY97 gross budget of $6,772,098. Of this amount, $5,866,349 was for foundation purposes. The district received $1,862,974 in Chapter 70 funds, $188,277 in regional school transportation reimbursement, $346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of $2,581,676 to be raised through assessments t the member communities and tuition income.

The School Committee was pleased to have the unanimous support of all six town meetings in approving the FY1997 budget. Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities, but the Committee demonstrated that those additional costs were attributable to the MVIP Program. Town officials generally agreed that support for that program at Pathfinder was far more cost effective and educationally sound than arranging out-of-district placements for those students.

Additionally, the Committee faced the issue of "excess debt" in FY97 for the third consecutive year. District-wide, the impact was $175,051, not including Granby which was not a member town at the time of construction of the addition. The budget which was finally adopted enabled each of the other five towns to reduce their costs by their share of that debt. The Committee continues to believe that this provision of the Education Reform Law is fundamentally unfair and will press local legislators to at least soften the impact in future years.

The following chart illustrates the assessments to the six member communities:

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 1996-97

Town	Minimum Contribution	Additional Contribution	Trans-portation	Share of Other	Share of Bond Issue	Total
Belchertown	352.869	41.969	30.204	2.928	52.023	479.993
Granby	127.629	11.125	8.007	766	22.724	170.261
Monson	541.360	50.064	36.030	3.493	34.115	665.063
New Braintree	50.513	5.563	4.003	388	4.477	64.944
Palmer	542.314	56.644	40.766	3.942	50.883	694.559
Ware	379.815	51.082	36.762	3.564	35.634	506.857
Total	1.994.500	216.448	155.772	151.100	199.856	2.581.676

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

In April 1996, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges conducted its Fifth Year Focused Visit to Pathfinder. In November, the Commission on Career and Technical Institutions voted to continue Pathfinder's accreditation and issued its report on the April visit. The report was a credit to Pathfinder, its staff, students, and facilities. Overall, the findings were excellent.

The Commission had three recommendations which it will expect the School Committee to implement prior to the next decennial visit:

1) Create the position of School Business Manager
2) Develop a plan for creating adequate storage space
3) Formalize the school's professional development plan and designate an individual to be accountable

In response to the general theme of restructuring within education reform, the School Committee has made a commitment to participate in the Regional Education Alliance along with 16 surrounding school systems. This network has begun to stimulate systemic change within its members by developing "site teams" which include teachers, administrators, school committee members, students, parents, and community representatives. Work has also begun on a regional technology plan as well as individual technology upgrades within each school.

The Committee is determined to continue its goal of expansion of the District so that all students will eventually come from member communities. To that end, the administration has been meeting with officials from the Quaboag Regional School District in an effort to interest the towns of Warren and West Brookfield in becoming members. The Committee will issue a formal invitation to these towns in early 1997 with a goal of completing the process by annual town meetings.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance and governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in all of our six communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
David H. Squires, Belchertown (through 3/21/96)
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
Ford Ray, Ware
Randy Pelletier, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Department of Public Works

Department of Public Works can proudly boast of its accomplishments during 1996. Beginning with one of the worst winters on record, we plowed, sanded, and patched our way to the construction season where finally, we were able to participate in the more enjoyable aspects of our functions.

In general, this combined Department visited every corner of our Town at one time or another during the year. As the Highway crew was completing preparatory work for resurfacing, our Maintenance crew was busy working with our Athletic Directors, and completing building projects. The Wastewater crew initiated the most effective preventative program ever, and activity at our Transfer Station increased respectively.

Any attempts to list the accomplishments of this Department in entirety would be impossible, consequently below I have offered a brief summary of each unit's accomplishments. Please read on:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

As previously mentioned, the past winter season was perhaps the worst on record. I could not attempt to detail the major accomplishments of this Department without mentioning the complications we faced as a result of it. In all, we estimated total snowfall to be 130 inches. In addition to the snowfall, heavy rains, ice storms and salt shortages challenged our abilities each new day.

Following the snow season, we quickly shifted gears and picked up our road maintenance program where we had left off at the conclusion of the previous season. In total 39,300' of highway was resurfaced with bituminous concrete. These enhancements resulted in the placement of 10,595 tons of bituminous mix valued at $305,000. Below I have identified the locations that were affected by this resurfacing effort.

• Bardwell Street	7,600 feet
• River Street	5,300 feet
• Ludlow Street	3,300 feet
• Juckett Hill Road	1,800 feet
• Cordner Road	1,000 feet
• Warren Wright Road	6,000 feet
• Lloyd Avenue	750 feet
• Chadbourne Road	1,150 feet
• Jenson Road	800 feet
• George Hannum Street	5,000 feet
• Boardman Road	6,600 feet

In addition to resurfacing, drainage improvements were completed in the following locations:

• Juckett Hill Road	4 catch basins/900 ft. of pipe

• Cordner Road	1 catch basin/400 ft. of pipe
• Chadbourne Road	1 catch basin/200 ft. of pipe
• Boardman Road	2 cross culverts/800 ft. of stone swale
• George Hannum Road	6 cross culverts
• So. Washington Street	1,000 ft. swale restoration
• Maple Street	1 catch basin/200 ft. of pipe

New equipment to the division in 1996 including the following:

- 1 - 1996 Ford 28,000 lb. Dump Truck
- 1 - 1985 Ford Van

The dump truck will be used primarily as a patch vehicle at the Highway Department. We were very fortunate to receive this badly needed vehicle at no cost through our State Chapter 90 program.

The Ford van previously served as Belchertown's backup ambulance. This vehicle also came to us at no charge and will be used primarily by the Maintenance Department as a grounds maintenance unit. Both of these vehicles were badly needed and will replace trucks approaching 30 years old.

In addition to what has been mentioned, the Highway Department was also involved in or responsible for the following activities or projects.

- Renovation and relocation of the Belchertown Senior Center
- The Belchertown Fair
- Painting 225,000 feet of traffic safety lines
- Installation of approximately 100 traffic street and safety signs
- Preliminary closure of the Belchertown Landfill
- Resurfacing and drainage improvements at our D.P.W. yard.
- Roadside mowing and vegetation control

These projects, in conjunction with the resurfacing and drainage improvements, accounted for the majority of our activity during the past construction season. If we failed to attend to a particular request during that time, please give us a call and bring it to our attention.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL

Activity in this category has been limited to clean up of storm damage and removal of diseased trees. Although, it is my intention to implement a structured maintenance and replacement program, time and budget limitations have prohibited my starting this program to date. As we continue to witness tremendous losses of mature Maple and Ash trees, as a result of environmental conditions and blights, this program is becoming more critical than ever.

TRANSFER STATION - RECYCLING CENTER

Our Transfer Station - Recycling Center is used by approximately 50% of Belchertown's households. For those persons not acquainted with our facility, participation is voluntary and fees are applied. A full description of our service and fee schedule is available at the Selectmen's Office and the Department of Public Works Office.

We are proud of our program's depth and encourage anyone not currently using this service to check our prices and compare our service. During 1996, those residents of Belchertown using this facility disposed of 946 tons of solid waste and recycled the following materials.

1. 430 tons, mixed paper
2. 175 tons, cardboard
3. 176 tons, tin & glass
4. 8 tons, tires
5. 23 tons, plastic
6. 54 tons, scrap metal
7. 190 tons, yard waste
8. 18 tons, used oil

In addition to those materials, we again offered all Town residents the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste. A very successful event was held in June at the Department of Public Works yard with slightly over 120 residents participating. We hope to offer this service again in 1997.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

The Wastewater Division's commitment to protect the interests of the town of Belchertown continued throughout 1996. As a result of the record levels of rainfall, and increased numbers of users, a total of 134,299,000 gallons of raw sewage was treated at the Town's Wastewater treatment Facility.

The Treatment Plant was originally constructed in the mid 1920's to serve the needs of the Belchertown State School, and services were extended to the surrounding community. As regulations tightened and the Town expanded, so did the Treatment Plant. To meet these needs, in 1965 and 1985 partial renovations of the facility were completed. In 1993 the Town gained ownership of the facility through a transfer from the State. Today, with the anticipation of the most stringent discharge permit to date being issued to the Town by the Environmental Protection Agency, coupled with the Town's need to provide service to areas such as: the Lakes area, Stadler Street, Pine Valley Plantation, Ledgewood Estates, and future Belchertown State School reuse, the need to increase capacity and improve quality are essential.

Despite high flows and out-dated equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, personnel provided year round coverage including weekends and holidays. With the support of the Department of Public Works employees, personnel handled a seemingly overwhelming work-load, with a vigor second to none. Specific duties at the Treatment Facility include:

- Collection System Maintenance
- Building Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Maintenance of Machinery
- Process Control Procedures
- Sampling & Laboratory Procedures
- Housekeeping

In addition to these duties employees also:

- Finished construction of a 576 sq. ft. Maintenance Garage
- Worked to reduce the amount of storm water infiltration to the collection system
- Cleared brush from sewer easements
- Performed 13 sewer connection inspections
- Renovated the facility's Laboratory
- Fulfilled the Department of Environmental Protection Agency's training requirements
- Began to renovate the facility's office

This years purchases of new equipment, including a new snake for clearing sewer line blockages, will aid personnel in serving the community throughout 1997 and with the community's continued support, the Wastewater Division will meet the needs and goals from this time forth.

Any person interested in visiting the Treatment Facility, discussing concerns or asking questions is urged to call the Wastewater treatment Plant office at 323-0449.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

This Division was the most recent and last Town Department scheduled to become a part of our combined Department of Public Works. After slightly more than one year of administrative responsibility behind us, I would like to publicly thank Mr. David Hodgen and Mr. Paul Cook for their tremendous support and assistance during this transition. Both Dave and Paul are former Cemetery Commissioners and remain active as advisors and part-time employees. The transition of this Division would have been near impossible without their cooperation. Unlike other DPW units, this essential unit is not positioned to receive the glamour its counterparts are, however, great emphasis and compassion is extended during one's time of need.

During the past year, a total of 24 burials were conducted, 4 of which were cremations. Other activities included, lot sales and development, installation of new fencing at Mount Hope Cemetery, turf, grounds and shrub maintenance, and routine funeral set-up.

As we prepare to begin our second year of association with cemeteries, we will strive to provide exceptional service to those in need.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The success of the department of Public Works would be impossible without the assistance of our Maintenance Division. The employees of this unit, Gus, Kevin, Leo, Mike, and Angie quietly perform their magic in countless locations within our Town at all hours of the day and night. As seasonal requirements demand, these individuals maintain our athletic fields, recreational properties, clear ice and snow from sidewalks, rake leaves, set up our voting equipment and countless other tasks while tending their usual duties of maintaining and repairs. Like other Department of Public Works Divisions, the Maintenance unit also found time to improve their home base with the completion of an 1,800 square foot addition to their shop. As we round the corner toward Spring, I see a very industrious season ahead for this unit. With the recent opening of the Swift River School, anticipated transfer of Belchertown State School properties, and construction of a new Police and Senior Facility, I am confident the new year will be both challenging and exciting.

As I prepare to complete this article, I would like to also call attention to the many dedicated business owners, contractors, and consultants that support this Department the whole year through. It is often with little or no notice, at the least desirable time, that I or the employees of this department impose on them for their service. To these folks, my co-workers, other Department Heads and committee members, we all thank you for your tremendous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Director of Public Works

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with full-time professional staff and public health services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 22,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1996.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	242	70	15
Septic Application Review	138	43	16
Septic Final Inspections and Re-inspections	90	32	2
Well Application Review	63	N/A	4
Housing Inspections and Re-inspections (upon complaint)	24	36	15
Rental Voucher Inspections and Re-inspections (upon request)	1	19	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	3	0
Food Service Inspections and Re-inspections	48	62	2
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections and Permitting	25	25	0
Nuisance Inspections and Re-inspections	23	25	2
Public Pool Inspections	1	0	N/A
Mobile Home Park Inspections	1	2	0
Court Appearances	0	0	2
Board Meeting Attendance	20	11	10

Total Number of Activities Performed in 1996: 1,072

In addition, 4 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in1996. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown Space Needs Committee, Town of Belchertown GIS Committee, Town of Ware Solid Waste Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various state agencies and professional groups. Topics addressed during 1996 included the revised Title V, computer information management, septic system betterment and loan programs, tobacco control, and non-criminal disposition.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I appreciate the assistance and dedication of Roger Bonsall, Assistant Health Officer and Helen Kutt, District Clerk,.

Sincerely,

Judy Moreno, R.S., C.H.O.
Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

Board of Health

During the 1996 calendar year, the Board of Health continued to work towards improving the quality of services provided to the citizens of the Town of Belchertown, while maintaining it's high standards for the protection of public health. The Board accomplished this through meetings held twice monthly, on the first and third Monday. By Town Meeting vote, this year saw the increase in Board Members from three to five. With additional personnel broadening the Board's scope of expertise, the functions and duties of the Board are enhanced. The activities and functions of the Board were carried out through the supportive efforts of the staff members of the Quabbin Health District.

The Board wrote and received grant moneys to participate in a State funded septic betterment program. Grant monies were awarded to allow for program set up and initiation. The Board will be working closely with the directives and outlines established by the DEP in the coming year to ensure the realization of funds and mechanisms to support repair of failing septic systems.

Review and approval of septic plans still remained one of the major tasks facing the Board. Last year's implementation of a statewide update in Title V regulations continued to place new demands and additional time requirement responsibilities on the Board. A total of 138 Disposal Works Construction Permits were approved. In its first year of new extended percolation season, property owners and developers were allowed enhanced opportunities to complete pre-construction tasks. Increased staff workloads attributed to the perc season extension were realized.

The area of tobacco control regulations has also been one of intense activity for the Board of Health. With the assistance of the Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Coordinator, this year has seen the continued development and adaptation of tobacco control regulations within the Town of Belchertown. Effective September 1, 1996, all public restaurants and restaurant/bars were mandated to provide a smoke-free environment for their patrons as well as employees. Youth access to tobacco products has been minimized through stricter retail regulations and the use of the retailer's license. As of July 1, 1996 all cigarettes vending machines were prohibited. Efforts to organize a smoking cessation program for town employees were conducted this year.

The Board of Health continued to recognize the efforts of local restaurant ad food service establishments in meeting or exceeding standards for excellence in food handling and preparation.

The Board continued to work towards assuring quality and maintaining standards with regards to protection of groundwater. A licensure examination of septic installers was developed this year and will be implemented with the initiation of the 1997 licensure period.

In an effort to keep abreast of ever changing issues effecting the public health domain, Board members and staff have participated in continuing education workshops and seminars focusing on such issues as: updates in federal food inspection laws, Title V regulatory changes, soil evaluation including identification of hydric soils, woodland evaluation, sanitation, lead paint and other environmental issues. Members have attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Board's Certification and Training Program. The Board of Health office continues to serve as the central location in the town hall for the distribution of other technical and educational assistance relative to public health issues.

The following represents permits issued by the Board in 1996:

1996 Belchertown Board of Health Permit Activity

Disposal Works Construction Permits	138
Well Construction Permits	63
Food Service Establishments	33
Retail Food Permits	12
Milk and Cream Licenses	31
Bakery License	2
Bottling Permit	1
Frozen Dessert License	2
Catering License	2
Mobile or Temporary Food	24
Septic Installer's Permits	25
Septage Hauler's Permits	4
Mobile Home Park Licenses	1
Massage Therapy Licenses	3
Piggery License	1
Tobacco Retailer's Permit	10

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Minney, Chairperson
Robert Bishop, Vice-Chairperson
David Haines
Denise Finn-Rizzo
Leonard Belisle
Belchertown Board of Health

Dog Control Department

In the calendar year of 1996, the Dog Control Department impounded 173 dogs. The disposition of said dogs were as follows:

130	were claimed by their owners
41	were turned over to DnA Pets and were subsequently placed in new homes
2	were euthanized as they were vicious

A breakdown of the above figures indicates about a 25% non-claim rate. Although we continue to try and educate the general public in the area of responsible pet ownership, it is a concern that this many dogs go unclaimed.

There are currently two individuals striving to provide the best possible service to the community. Because there are only two of us, myself and Mrs. Roberts, it is impossible to provide 24 hour coverage, so we encourage the townspeople to be patient and assured that we are working at maximum capacity. It is my hope that in the near future we will be able to augment the department with at least one more individual.

In 1996 there were many improvements made to the pound, and we are hoping to continue this trend in 1997 with the addition of outside pens to the remaining kennels. As the town grows, and more dogs move to town, this space will become critical to the proper maintenance of the pound.

It is also important to mention that the involvement of DnA pets has saved the taxpayers $1,742.50. This amount only reflects the actual cost of euthanasia, had it been necessary to destroy these animals. DnA also contributes much in the way of food, treats, blankets and other items that make the stay in the pound much more humane. It also is sometimes necessary to leave some dogs in the pound over the 10 days mandated by law, in order that a home can be found. I would like to thank Rebecca Peters for providing her services beyond the 10 days. I would also like to thank Mrs. Roberts for her tireless commitment to these dogs, and the townspeople.

We look forward to serving the town with the continued professionalism and commitment we have provided in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Michaud
Dog Officer

Civil Defense

As the newly appointed Civil Defense Director, I would like to update the citizens of Belchertown on this important function of local town government.

In September, three new appointees, Donald C. Elliott Jr., Robert Coates, and Jeffery Czech were named to the Civil Defense Committee by the Board of Selectmen. Charles Darling remains as the radio officer.

The Civil Defense Committee has been actively working to upgrade the functions of this Committee. We have conducted review of the emergency contingency plans which focus on natural and technological hazards. Also an analysis of the Emergency Operations Center was completed and a training program for committee members has been instituted.

With regards to the past snowstorm last December, the Emergency Operations Center, which is used to coordinate all emergency activities, was not activated. A number of factors led to this decision and will be addressed.

The members of the Civil Defense Committee are made up of a diverse group of people. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

The Civil Defense Committee members are committed to actively move ahead. With the help of the Board of Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the next century.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Elliott, Jr.
Director, Civil Defense
Town of Belchertown

Veterans' Services

Administrative Expenditures			
Salaries			
Supplies and Services:	5,569.40	$5,569.40	
Financial Assistance Expenditures			
Ordinary Benefits	12,683.43		
Fuel Benefits	2,060.29		
Medical Benefits	2,430.13	18,526.26	$24,095.66
Burials	1,100.00		
Groceries	252.41		
Expected Reimbursements			$13,894.70
Cost of Operations			$10,200.96

Veteran Breakdown:	WWII	1	Vietnam	12
	Korean	2	Persian Gulf	1
	Other War Time Service			0

Assisted 14 different veterans and 9 dependents throughout the year.

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans Benefits Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis .

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA) a program of the Federal Government. This department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs we are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. William Carrier, Director
Veterans' Service Department

Veterans' Graves

M. G. L. Chapter 115, Section 9

CARE OF GRAVES OF VETERANS

Annually in April, the Mayor of every city and the selectmen of every Town shall appoint a resident of such city or town, preferably a veteran as defined in clause forty-three of section seven of Chapter four as a Veterans Grave Officer. It shall be the duty of such Veteran's Graves Officer to cause every Veteran's Grave e within such city or town to be suitably kept and cared for. Such care shall include the clearing of weeds and other unseemly growth from said graves: the repairing, replacement and general upkeep of fences around said graves; the raising and repairing of sunken gravestones and markers and other similar services that may be necessary to restore and maintain such graves and their surroundings in an orderly condition. If the cost of such care and maintenance is not paid by private persons or by the trustees of the cemeteries where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the city or town; cities and towns may appropriate money therefor. Money so appropriated may be expended directly by the city or town or paid over to the trustees or manager of any cemetery where any such grave is situated; but the sum so charged for the annual care and maintenance of like lots in the same cemetery or if no such charge is made in that cemetery, it shall not exceed the sum charged in other cemeteries in the same city or town for like services. In cities and towns where there are cemeteries containing the remains of deceased veterans, such cities and towns shall cause to be placed on such veterans' graves a flag of the United States on every Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Messier, Veteran's Graves Officer
Wayne Buccanan, Assistant

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in Administration. Everett Acres, a forty-eight unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State Street-Unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road-Unit 7 built and administered under the State's Chapter 689 Housing for People With Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a twelve unit project built and administered under the State's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is $23,900 for one person, $27,350 for two, $30,750 for three, $34,150 for four and up to $45,100 for a family of eight.

The eligibility regulation for state aided housing was changed this past August and the former asset limit was replaced by the federal asset definition. This regulation states that as long as the total income from assets, both real and imputed, and all other income does not exceed the maximum income for eligibility a person or family is eligible. This change should make many elders eligible for state aided housing who in the past were ineligible.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay thirty percent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $247 per month. We have experienced difficulties in renting second floor units at Everett Acres and currently have several vacancies. We have depleted our waiting list for elderly/handicapped units and will be advertising the availability of our one bedroom apartments.

East Walnut Hill is fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

Unit 1 at 45 State Street and Unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The authority receives no state subsidy for these units.

The twelve family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay twenty-five percent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is $229 per month. We are currently in the process of updating our waiting list for two and three bedroom family units. There are now 416 applicants on the family waiting list.

The authority also has the administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the authority assists very low income elderly, Disabled/Handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the authority pays the balance directly to the landlord. The authority closed the Section 8 waiting list on October 31, 1994 as there were more applicants that the authority could be expected to house within a reasonable amount of time.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for Fiscal '97 is $188,190 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

James A. Barry, Chairman
Louise M. Butler
Richard Kane
Thomas Soja

Historical Commission

The Historical commission membership has been increased from five to seven. Currently we have seven full members and one associate member.

This year we began a major effort to describe and document all structures older than 50 years in the town. Our first task is to identify and photograph all these structures from the street. This part of the project is about one quarter completed.

For the in-depth part of the survey we have divided the town into six sections, and started with the north section. We are currently working on completing the Massachusetts Historical Commission forms for every property older than 50 years in this section of town. This project has just begun. We have visited 12 homes by homeowner invitation, and there are eight forms almost completed, mostly for homes on Daniel Shays Highway.

We have also worked with architects who have drawn up plans for the new Senior Center and Police Station in the buildings Nursery 1 and Nursery 2 on the old State School property to ensure that the exterior appearance of these historic buildings is as unaltered as possible.

Historic District Commission

The Belchertown Historic District Commission has met with nine property owners within the local historic district during the past year regarding proposed exterior changes and additions to their properties. Appropriate certificates were awarded when necessary following public hearings.

The commission tries to keep abreast of property changes within the historic district and meet with property owners to present them with a copy of the bylaws. We appreciate the willingness of property owners to consult with the commission about proposed changes before applying for an application. This avoids confusion and delay.

Copies of the Historic District ByLaw and application forms are available in the office of the Town Clerk.

Doris M. Dickinson, Chairman
Jacqueline Dupre
Richard Davitt
John B.Curry

Council on Aging

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation, and advocacy services to the elder population in the greater Belchertown area.

Providing a unique combination of contracted services, and informal activities organized by and for Council on Aging members, the Belchertown Council on Aging is truly a community based organization.

1996 was a busy and challenging year for the Council on Aging. After more than 20 years at the same location the Senior Center lost it's lease and relocated to two separate sites in Belchertown. Concurrently, plans to complete renovations on a building on the old state school ground moved forward with designs completed and an anticipated start date of Spring of 1997.

With more than twenty classes, clubs, and activities occurring each week, and an average of 175 elders benefiting each day, the Council on Aging is a busy and vital organization.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site congregate, as well as home delivered meals to elders unable to leave their home. Funded through WestMass ElderCare under the Federal Older Americans Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutritional needs of elders are met.

Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday and are often accompanied by music or a speaker. In 1996, 261 elders enjoyed in excess of 12,100 meals in the good company of others! Our Home Delivered Meals Program, distinguished in the state for delivering hot, fresh meals seven days a week, served in excess of 38,300 meals this past year. Delivered day in and day out by dedicated volunteers who braved one of the snowiest winters on record this year.

The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fundraising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash, and commodities.

Our Transportation Program, funded through the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority provides accessible one way and round trip transportation services to those eligible under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and any elder in need.

The majority of trips provided are for medical facilities throughout Western Massachusetts. Rides are offered daily to the Center, our Meal Site, as well as weekly trips to shopping centers, area malls, and grocery stores.

The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure access to medical care. In 1996 we provided in excess of 9,700 trips to 175 elders.

The Council on Aging continued it's Social Day Program on site this past year, providing 574 units of service in 1996. The program, intended to provide a supervised, organized, and supportive setting to elders in need of a structured environment, serves a critically important service to the community.

The Social Day Program is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and features an array of interactive activities, guided exercise, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. It's goal is to help support caregivers and other concerned family members whose loved ones are recovering from illness, injury, or who are not able to remain at home alone due to cognitive limitations.

The Program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and program fees.

Outreach and education to elders through home visitation remained an important facet of the Social Services position here at the Council on Aging. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, and entitlement programs information. Assessment for nutritional risk, home safety, and fuel assistance are also provided through this method.

Health promotion activities remains of vital interest to the community. Health clinics such as blood sugar and blood pressure screenings are well attended each month. Educational forums on benefit information, medication management, local resources, and a range of other topics are arranged and presented on a regular basis.

This past year the Council on Aging initiated it's own SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council to address issues of health and safety in the community. Some of the projects sponsored by the SALT Council include the Roundtable discussion with local law enforcement around issues of fraud, personal safety, and home safety. The Council was awarded a grant this year which paid for a variety of home safety devices such as safety lights, and the file of life. Currently the SALT Council is focusing it's efforts on safety and accessibility to all town businesses.

The Council on Aging remains a focal point in the community through these and many other efforts including Food Bank Brown Bag Program, Toys for Tots, holiday celebrations, and assorted intergenerational activities.

New and exciting efforts are underway to encourage the sharing of time, love, and talent between generations, particularly in light of our two new homes, both of which are located on school grounds.

None of these activities would be possible without the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Each program benefits from the warm and generous contributions of many individuals of all ages. This past year the Council on Aging was gifted with more than 6,300 hours of service from 75 volunteers for a dollar value of $47,227.00. We remain proud of the effort of so many!

Council on Aging Operating Budget FY 1996

Town Appropriation	105,649.00
Title IIIC Nutrition Program	
Title IIIC Grant	47,270.00
State Home Care	9,630.60
Participant Donations	46,216.45
USDA Cash	19,368.40
USDA Commodities	12,000.14
Transportation Program	
PVTA Contract	58,551.00
IIIB Grant	3,919.61
State Home Care	4,405.00
Fares/Contracts	7,305.95
Social Day Program	
Formula Grant	4,484.00
State Home Care	7,120.00
Private Payment	1,150.00
Donations/Fundraising	8,770.00
Total Operating Funds	335,840.00

The Council on Aging is a Town Appointed Board. Members include: Theresa Ericksberg, Michelle Ouhl, Shirley Dorey, Theresa Glanvile, Jeannette Crowther, Joan Hutchinson, Jennifer Venman, Joan Poole, Charlotte Tenczar, Daniele Constantini and Marion Panto.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Councils on Aging, Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Department

As we look back upon the past year, we take time out to review what we have accomplished. Each year we try to improve our department and programs by adding and expanding. Our goal for 1996 was not only accomplished, but surpassed with many new programs added and an increase in enrollment.

The Recreation Department's Sports Program for boys and girls are growing larger each year. With the help of invaluable volunteers, we were able to provide the children of the community the opportunity to participate and improve their skills in the following programs. Fall soccer - 9 girl's teams/ 17 boy's teams and 14 - co-ed instructional teams, Winter Basketball - 11 girl's teams/ 27 boy's teams and 10 co-ed teams, 8 high school age teams Baseball - 18 teams, Softball - 12 teams, Pitching Machine League - 8 teams, and T-Ball 6 teams, Spring Soccer - 10 co-ed teams.

Additional programs that were sponsored by the Recreation Department include the following: Baton Twirling, Safe Sitter Certification, Line Dancing, Arts and craft Workshops, Kidzercise Swim and Gym, and Karate. Our seasonal programs include our Mount Tom Ski Lessons, "Over 35" Basketball League, DARE Basketball League, Summer DARE Basketball, High School Basketball League, golf lessons, and our Annual Recreation Golf Tournament. Or 1996 Summer Brochure offered Scuba Lessons, Horseback Riding Classes and a one day Girls Basketball Clinic. We also held week long summer camps for Soccer and Baseball.

Many new and exciting activities were introduced in 1996. We started our year by offering a Magic Show, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, a Community Safety Day and a Pumpkin Carving Contest. We expanded our Tennis Program, offering lessons to children age 6 to adults, and our summer DARE Basketball Program included a 5th/6th grade division this year. The Summer Playground was enhanced by a "day at the beach" each week and weekly field trips to such places as the Mt. Holyoke Summer Theater, golfing, bowling, ceramics and blueberry picking. We offered a variety of indoor activities, including Decorative Painting for Adults, Comic Book Heroes with Colored Pencils, Ceramics Class for children and adults and Decorative Wearable Painting Classes. We offered field trips to Mt. Snow, Water Country, Southwick Zoo and Mt. Holyoke Playhouse. In the fall of 1996 we broadened our horizons by offering Photography, Video and Camera Equipment classes and mandatory NYSCA Coaches Certification classes. Discount tickets were offered to a springfield Falcons Hockey Game and a Blizzards Women's Professional Basketball Game.

The Recreation Department offered a variety of water programming and activities both at the Town Beach and at Chestnut Hill Community Pool this year. These include: American Red Cross CPR, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Certification, ARC Learn-to-Swim Lessons; Morning, Evening and Weekend Aquanastics and Snorkeling Classes. Our Stingray Swim Team increased its enrollment in both the Spring and Winter Season. Lessons were held for area schools, such as Woodland Academy in Ware and the Belchertown Day School. In 1996 the Chestnut Hill Community School Pool and locker rooms had a face lift. The water was drained and replaced, walls, ceilings and floors were painted, pool tiles were replaced, new markers were painted, new signs were hung, diving blocks were moved to the deep end and the diving board was relocated.

The Town Beach was once again open for use to residents and non-residents of Belchertown. This past summer the facility opened on July 1, 1996 and closed on August 30, 1996. The Beach was open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Individual, Family and Couple Passes were sold, as well as daily user tickets. The beach is staffed at all times with ARC Certified Lifeguards. Two new Lifeguard Stands were added to the beach providing a better view of the water for the public's Safety.

With the increase in our programming and continuing growth in enrollment, our needs, not only for adequate office space, but also for additional fields and gyms also grows. Over the past twelve months the Recreation Building Study Committee and the recreation Committee have been working hard to improve our facilities. Through their endeavors and that of the board of Selectmen the recreation Department was able to relocate our office to the Finnerty House in December of 1996 enabling us to better serve the public. In the next few months, these Committees will continue their hard work in an effort to acquire land for the Recreation Department in the hopes of developing a recreation complex to include new soccer, softball, and baseball fields and a new gym.

To all our valued coaches and volunteers, to all the participating parents, to the community members who help us establish new programs, to the businesses who donate to our causes, to the many Town Departments and their staff who help us every day, to the Board of Selectmen and our Committee Members, and to our staff we thank you for all your assistance and patience. In 1997 we will strive to increase and improve our service to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald A. Constantino,
Recreation Director
Beth R. Romeo
Aquatic Director/Assist. Recreation
Director
Recreation Commission Members
Garry Bock, Chairman
Bruce Smith, Member
David Whipple, Member
Robert Chartier, Member
William LaFleur, Associate Member
Nancy Kwiatkowski,
Associate Member

Belchertown Fair Committee

The 139th Belchertown Fair continued to grow in strength as well as popularity. In 1996 the Exhibit Hall Display Committee entered an International Association of Fairs & Expositions Competitive Displays Competition. Our Exhibit Hall was selected from world-wide competition, as one of eleven entries to be highlighted on a film that the association produced, to be used by fairs internationally. Now that is quite an honor!

Locally, the Belchertown Fair Committee submitted entries to the annual Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association as we have in past years. As in past years the committee won awards for the premium book, the theme "there's no place like home" and for the fair program.

This year 87 booth spaces were rented, a variety of sizes, totaling 1,253' filled up the common from end to end. Approximately 40 of these spaces were non-profit groups that rely on this event solely as their major fundraiser that supports their organization throughout the year. As in past years the fair focused on agriculture and youth.

The parade stepped off with approximately 45 entries, those groups consisting of as many as 5 people or up to several hundred. The parade was finishing at the intersections of routes 9 & 202 and was still waiting to step off at the high school, over one mile away.

Managing and organizing the Fair continues to be a year long task. The committee is extremely grateful to the volunteers, the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the Dept. of public works, the Selectmen Office and the many, many others who help pull it together every year. This event continues to be a non-budgeted town event. There are no line items or tax dollars used to host this event from year to year.

The Belchertown Fair continues to be a bridge, linking us from our past, to our present and eventually our future. Remember, everything old was once new. Fairs are a bridge-between rural and urban residents, and between generations of families and those families within the community. Belchertown has built a successful bridge that will stand for years to come. In 1997 Belchertown will host it's 140th fair, and that is something to be proud of!

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lofland
Chairman, Fair Committee

Arts Council

The Belchertown Arts Council (BAC) is happy to report that we were able to fund most of the Grant requests that we received this year. Each year the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) allocates monies to every City and Town in the Commonwealth. This year Belchertown received $6,730 and we were able to add to that $2,165 from funds that were not spent during the previous year. However, even with the extra money we were unable to fund all the fine Grant requests that we received. The BAC carries out the plans of the MCC on the local level, by promoting excellence, access, education, and diversity in the Arts, Humanities and Interpretive Sciences. The local council reviews Grant applications and recommends to the MCC those they feel are deserving of funding. This money in no way finances an entire project but is meant only as "seed" money to help the applicant to get a start with their project.

Once again the number of requests far exceeded the amount allocated to us even with the extra money from last year. We received 29 applications, six short of last year, 27 for Local Council funds for $21,610., up $3,000 from last year, and only 2 from PASS, which are special Grants for schools wishing to take students to various cultural events outside of Belchertown. Their total was $1,520. We were disappointed that more of the schools did not request PASS Grants.

We have tried to provide the "seed" money for new projects while still continuing some limited support to on-going groups. We regret that we could not fund all applicants this year.

The following were recipients of local funds, (pending State approval): Claire Baldwin (Teen Writing), Belchertown Community Band, Belchertown Historical Society, Anthony Boff (Tony Toledo), Cold Spring School, Karen Glickman (Sign Language Instruction), Hampshire Shakespeare Education Program, Henry Lafleur, Deborah Palmer (Woolgatherers Guild), John Root, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Swift River School, Bob Thomas, and The Volunteer Fair Committee. The two PASS applications were from Cold Springs School and Swift River School.

This Spring a Community Input Meeting will be scheduled again. Hopefully it will be more successful than this past year. We encourage all interested people in the Community to come and to participate. We would like to hear your ideas as to what you would like to see Funded in the future.

The Grant review process is a once-a-year undertaking. The deadline for Applications in All Massachusetts Communities for the 1997 funding cycle will be Wednesday, October 15. Application packets may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office.

This year we have added three dynamic people to the Arts Council. Gretchen Holesovsky, Carol Love and Eva Robbins. Mary Avery and Gloria Fox will be leaving the Council this Spring. Both of them have enjoyed their tenure with the Council and wish the very best to all who are remaining.

Belchertown Arts Council Members:
Mary G. Avery - Co-Chair
Paul Marean - Co-Chair
Gloria Fox - Treasurer
Donna Kendall - Secretary
Gretchen Holesvosky
Carol Love
Judy McQuillan
Eva Robbins
Karen Schiffer

Belchertown Rail-Trail Committee

The Belchertown Rail-Trail Committee is now in its fourth year of existence. The committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The operating Budget for fiscal year '97 was set at $1,500 dollars. This was set at April '96 Town Meeting.

The Belchertown Rail-Trail committee has created and adopted a "MISSION STATEMENT". The "Mission Statement" defined the goal and benefits of establishing a Rail-Trail on the old B&M railbed in Belchertown. The "Mission Statement" was adopted unanimously. Highlights of the Mission Statement are the goals of a multi-use design to include as many user groups as possible and to address concerns of owners and abuttors along this corridor.

The intent of the Mission Statement was exhibited in its study of the Tri-Lakes area. The committee extensively polled residents and studied options in this area of town. In responding to residents concerns, the committee accepted a few alternative options for the trail in this area, but did eliminate the use of the existing RR bed from the Holland Pond-to-Arcadia Town Beach area.

The committee completed and received approval of its application for a Dept. of environ. Man. (DEM) Greenways Grant in the amount of $3,000 dollars. This grant was to fund a preliminary design of the trail as part of an application for further funding from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC). This design work was completed by students from the Conway School of Design. It was for the section of Trail from Warren Wright Rd.-to-Rte. 202 Maple St. The committee wishes to thank the Kestrel Trust for providing "Bridge Funding" while awaiting final approval for this grant from the DEM.

The State Legislature has included in its final version of the "Open Space Bond Bill" a sum of $100,000 dollars for the use of Belchertown in acquiring easements along this trail. This funding, although unused at present, remains available to the Town.

The committee applied for and received authorization from Mass. Executive Office of Transportation & Construction for funding in the amount of $176,000 dollars, for the purpose of developing a Final Engineering Design of the trail from Warren Wright Rd.-to-Rte. 202 Maple St. The committee is currently in the process of implementing this phase of the project.

In April, Craig Della Penna, author of "Great Rail Trails of the Northeast" performed a slide show of historical and present day railbeds in the northeast. Craig's extensive collection of old Railroading pictures was fascinating and fun.

In late 1996, the DEM expressed heightened interest in helping the town protect this valuable corridor. Representatives of the DEM Land Acquisition committee began meeting with our committee to discuss further how they can support this project. The DEM has begun initial meetings for purchase of this railbed from Guilford Transportation, the current owners of this parcel of the old B&M railbed.

This committee started last fiscal year with 12 members. We no;w have 9 members. This committee also expresses thanks for the help of three associate members; Dan Laroche, Dave Wood, and Gail Gramarossa:

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Kuc, Chairperson
Lew Louraine
Peg Louraine
W. Dan Fitzpatrick
Paul Keating
Jay Holtzman
Sue Ordinetz
Lawrence Tucker
Rorry Zahourek

Clapp Memorial Library

(as of June 30, 1996)

The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. Our regular hours of operation include Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day.

I. The Primary Service roles of the Clapp Memorial Library include:

1. Providing Popular Materials (for reading, listening and viewing) to adults and children.
2. Providing materials and information to satisfy the needs and interests of independent learners.
3. Providing materials and information to students engaged in formal education programs offered by public/private schools, colleges and other formal programs of study.
4. Providing information about community activities and resources, meeting space for community groups, and other services which make the Clapp Memorial Library and important community resource and focal point.

I. FY96 Budget:

Our FY1996 municipal appropriations was $132,123.00. This figure represents nearly a 28% increase over our FY95 appropriation ($103,997.00); the patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Executive Secretary and members of those Town Boards who have given us their support. Our good fortune continued enabling us to supplement our budget with $11,208. from state grants. The Friends Of The Library contributed $5,685.00 which was used to purchase children's books, reference materials and fund the Summer Reading Program.

II. FY96 Circulation:

A. Our FY'96 circulation figure exceeded 100,000 for the first time in the Library's 109 year history reaching 110,480. This figure was approximately 18% greater than our FY'95 level.

B. The FY'96 Circulation Figure includes 1,360 Interlibrary loans and Network Transfers.

FY'95 circulation total: 90,646
FY'94 circulation total: 78,791
FY'93 circulation total: 66,798

III. FY96 Patrons

We had a net gain of 459 new patrons in FY96; we now count 5,435 of our Belchertown neighbors as active library patrons. This figures does not include so many of our youngest patrons—those under 5 years of age who are not yet old enough to become registered patrons.

IV. FY96 Collection Size

Print Materials	**Adult**	**Children's**	**Total**
1. Volumes of books	8,579	8,621	17,200
2. Periodicals	50	9	59

Non-Print Materials	**Adult**	**Children's**	**Total**
3. Audio cassettes	146	10	156
4. Video cassettes	869	705	1,574
5. Compact Discs (music)			130

TOTAL COLLECTION (as of June 30, 1996): 19,110
(1.58 holdings per-capita)

V. Notable Achievements of FY96

There were a number of noteworthy developments for the Clapp Memorial Library in FY1996. One of these is indicative of the increasing popularity of the Library, and another helped to ensure the longevity of the building itself.

1. Certainly, among the most significant FY96 developments was the replacement of the Library's 109 year old Library roof with an historically correct weather-tight barrier using much of the original clay tiles. The project was made possible through the cooperation of a number of individuals and agencies. The Library's Board of Trustees made a firm commitment to repair the roof in FY96. They hired the architectural firm Rhineahrdt Associates which prepared plans. Library Director Owen Maloney obtained a $70,000 Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Finally, we approached the Town of Belchertown. From these sources over $152,000 was raised, and the project was completed.

2. Equally noteworthy was the Library's FY96 circulation totals. For the first time in the 107 year history of the Clapp Memorial Library more than 100,000 items were loaned to our Belchertown neighbors. Patrons borrowed 110,480 items from the Library inFY96. That represents a per-capita circulation of 9.02 (8.4 population group avg.)

3. Former Children's Librarian Chris Brownell was more than successful in her $5,000.00 LSCA grant application entitled Keys to the Future of Latchkey Children. She was given nearly twice that amount ($9,000.00) including funds for a pair of CD-ROM workstations and appropriate software.

4. Toward the close of FY96 the Library began to build a new collection - music compact discs. At the close of FY96 that collection numbered but 130. It is eclectic in nature, balanced and popular. This collection will continue to grow within the limits of funding and available Library space.

5. Children's programming was as popular as ever. The more than 65,000 circulations form the Children's Collection is a good indication of that popularity. There were five sessions of 8-week story programs serving children up to 7 years of age. Over 2,300 children participated in these regularly scheduled programs. Other children's programs included The Latch-Key Child program, The Summer Reading Program and The America Girl program.

6. While Adult Programming here at the Clapp cannot compete with that offered to our younger patrons, there were several popular programs offered to our older patrons. Among the most popular programs are the **Friends of The Library Book Sales and Festivals** held every Spring and Fall. Other programs included **Learning Styles of the Elementary School Student** presented by Lubja Marsh. A second seminar, **Herbs - Their Medicinal Qualities and Curative Effects** presented by Ellen Hopmann, was even more popular. Thomas Fuller, a local author and outdoor writer gave an informative presentation on **Underwater Flies for Trout** while promoting his book of the same title. During the 1996 Holiday Season our patrons were entertained by a concert given by the **Pioneer Valley Acapella Chorus**. There were also a variety of exhibits and displays such as the **Kindergarten Art Show** which were enjoyed by patrons of all ages.

7. Providing current and popular fiction is among our primary Service Goals. To do so in a more timely manner we initiated a **Rental Collection**. With seed money donated by The Friends additional copies of particularly popular materials are purchased. If a patron does not wish to wait for a reserve copy of such an item he/she can rent if for $1.00 per week. This collection is not meant to generate funds, but rather to provide a more convenient library service. It has been very well received.

GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE
FY97

1. **Library Space**: Among the most important projects facing the Library now is the need to renovate the library basement. Space is at a premium. A recently completed building plan indicates the need for a library facility of over 23,000 sq. ft. by the year 2016. Such a facility will require new construction. We cannot, however, sit idly by waiting for such construction. Space in the existing facility must be used efficiently and completely. Architectural plans for this basement renovation represent an urgent need in FY97.

2. **Technology**: Libraries can no longer look upon technology as a luxury; it has become an integral part of quality library service. A CD-ROM network will be considered, along with patron-access workstations to both the Internet and the C/W MARS Network. Collections of circulating and non-circulating reference CD-ROMS should be initiated to meet present needs and increasing patron expectations.

2a. **Technology Costs**: The Library Director and Trustees should seriously study how best to meet the rising costs of technology. The cost of supplying such services is great, and will continue to grow. Our addition of a Patron-Access C/W MARS workstation will bring our annual Network membership costs up to approximately $3,000. The annual subscription cost for a full-text periodical index on CD-ROM will approach $2,000.00. So too, telephone costs have grown, and will continue to rise as we enter into the realm of telecommunications via the Internet. Consequently, our FY98 budget submission will include a request for sufficient funding to meet some of the technological needs of our patrons. Alternate funding sources must be discovered and explored.

2b. **Continuing Education**: The Library staff will need to learn and maintain a working knowledge of a wide variety of software programs, on-line resources, etc. as we continue to offer needed assistance to patrons who wish to use the technological services made available to them. Staff members will continue to take advantage of all pertinent educational opportunities offered by WMRLS and other such agencies. The continuing education of the Library staff cannot be overlooked; alternative sources for funding for this necessary training must be discovered.

3. **Collection Development**: FY97 will bring with it a new revised Collection Development Policy for the Library. With this policy our practices of prudent acquisitions and selective, yet necessary weeding will be refined making our collection more and more responsive to our patrons needs. Among our goals of FY97 is to continue this trend in all areas of the collection with a focus on two particular areas: Reference and Compact Discs.

4. **Patron Service**: This is your Library. The Library staff and Board of Trustees consider Patron Service to be our primary responsibility. If you will make us aware of the kinds of library services that you desire, we will do all that we can to bring such services to you. We appreciate your support; we look forward to serving you.

Town Meeting and Elections

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 5, 1996

Presidential Preference **(Vote for 1)**	**Prec A**	**Prec B**	**Prec C**	**Total**
Bill Clinton	29	34	17	80
Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr.	3	1	1	5
No Preference	1	2	2	5
Blanks	1	1	1	3
Totals	34	38	21	93

State Committee Man
(Worc., Frank., Hampd.& Hamps. Dist.)
(Vote for 1)

	Prec A	Prec B	Prec C	Total
Ralph E. Hicks	19	25	13	57
Blanks	15	13	8	36
Totals	34	38	21	93

State Committee Woman
(Worc., Frank., Hampd.& Hamps.Dist.)
(Vote for 1)

	Prec A	Prec B	Prec C	Total
Joanne Alinovi	19	29	13	61
Marilyn Higgins(Writein)	0	0	1	1
Blanks	15	9	7	31
Totals	34	38	21	93

Town Committee
(Vote—Not More Than 35)

Group	Prec A	Prec B	Prec C	Total
Alice T. Willey	19	27	17	63
Bertha M. Loftus	20	25	16	61
Francis P. Loftus	19	30	17	66
Judith C. Dudek	16	28	15	59
Francis A. Dudek	17	27	17	61
Darlene Willey Sliwa	15	27	16	58
Thomas T. Soja	14	22	17	53
Jeanne M. White	20	25	16	61
Richard D. White	23	24	17	64
Antoinette M. Kubiak	18	27	17	62
Bernard R. Kubiak	20	30	17	67
Simon R. James	20	27	16	63
Catherine B. Barron	18	27	18	63
Beth D. Cohen	17	22	15	54
Elizabeth L. Loughran	15	22	16	53
Kathleen M Bereksy	17	25	16	58
Michael A. Beresky	20	27	16	63
Dorothy A. Rhodes	18	23	17	58
Kenneth W. Rhodes	20	27	16	63
Benjamin M. Gagnon	14	23	15	52
Lois J. Gagnon	14	21	16	51
Madeline Casey	17	25	15	57
Mary E. McCollom	14	21	16	51
Dorothy M. Brennen	15	26	16	57
John E. Malone, Jr.	15	23	15	53
William F. Van Derzee	16	21	15	52
Richard E. Barrell	14	22	15	51
Christine Babineau	18	23	17	58
Mark R. Mitchell	18	22	17	57
Patricia J. Mitchell	18	24	16	58
Joseph Monon (Writein)	1	0	0	1
Marilyn Higgins (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Rosie C. Higgins (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Lloyd Ortman (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Nancy Palmer (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Blanks	500	397	141	1,038
Totals	1,020	1,140	630	2,790

Registered Democrats

Prec A	—	645	Voted 3/5/96	—	34
Prec B	—	680	Voted 3/5/96	—	38
Prec C	—	494	Voted 3/5/96	—	21
		1,819			93

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 5, 1996

Presidential Preference
(Vote for 1)

	Prec A	Prec B	Prec C	Total
Richard G. Lugar	1	0	1	2
Morry Taylor	0	0	0	0
Phil Gramm	0	0	0	0
Patrick J. Buchanan	32	20	36	88
Bob Dole	36	50	60	146
Steve Forbes	18	18	17	53
Lamar Alexander	6	5	7	18
Alan Keyes	3	1	2	6
Robert K. Dornan	0	0	0	0
No Preference	1	0	1	2
Ralph Nader (Writein)	1	0	0	1
Colin Powell (Writein)	1	0	0	1
Blanks	6	1	0	7
Totals	105	95	124	324

State Committee Man.
(Worc., Frank., Hampd., & Hampsh. Dist)
(Vote for 1)

	Prec A	Prec B	Prec C	Total
Dwight K. Stowell, Jr.	58	66	77	201
Blanks	47	29	47	123
Totals	105	95	124	324

State Committee Woman	**Prec A**	**Prec B**	**Prec C**	**Total**
(Worc., Frank., Hampd.,& Hampsh. Dist.)				
(Vote for 1)				
Sandra D. Adams	60	67	78	205
Frank Lavally (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Blanks	45	28	45	118
Totals	105	95	124	324

Town Committee

(Vote—Not More Than 35)

Group				
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr.	52	54	69	175
Andrew T. Sears	58	58	77	193
Roberta B. Rhodes	54	54	71	179
Marcel F. Archambault	55	54	72	181
Jeanne D. Paradise	52	54	69	175
Donald E. Perham	54	61	71	186
Richard H. Knight	60	57	82	199
William R. Barnett	60	61	82	203
Ronald A. Pobieglo	57	54	69	180
Richard L. Robinson	52	56	70	178
Wayne C. Paradise	56	53	69	178
Herbert E. Squires	66	70	87	223
Barbara C. Knight	55	57	80	192
Douglas G. Rae	56	57	70	183
Donna A. Abley	53	55	72	180
Anthony C. Crisafulli	53	56	73	182
Betty Jean Jackson	53	55	72	180
Pauline C. Johnson	58	58	74	190
Harvey A. Sansoucy	53	57	72	182
David L. Laventure	51	57	69	177
David M. Sammataro	51	54	69	174
Deborah M. Sammataro	51	56	71	178
Kenneth I. Hislop	61	57	83	201
Kathleen A. Sammataro	50	54	72	176
Peter S. Galuszka	60	53	71	184
Gerald H. Gould	54	54	70	178
George B. Jackson	59	58	73	190
Joel J. Gummeson	55	53	68	176
Joseph P. Graveline	53	59	68	180
Albert R. Boulrice	51	58	69	178
John Shea (Writein)	0	0	1	1
Thomas Grady (Writein)	1	0	0	1
Richard Barry (Writein)	0	2	0	2
Eugenie C. Berry (Writein)	0	2	0	2
Blanks	1,496	1,152	1,535	4,183
Totals	3,150	2,850	3,720	9,720

Registered Republicans

Prec. A	—	260	Voted 3\5\96	—	105
Prec. B	—	334	Voted 3\5\96	—	95
Prec. C	—	310	Voted 3\5\96	—	124
		904			324

LIBERTARIAN PARTY
MARCH 5, 1996

Presidential Preference	**Prec. A**	**Prec. B**	**Prec. C**	**Totals**
(Vote for 1)				
Harry Browne				
Rick Tompkins(No one voted in this Party)				
Irwin Schiff				
No Preference				

State Committee, State Committeewoman, & Town Committee has no candidates

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Registered Libertarians

Prec. A	—	3	Voted 3\5\96	—	0
Prec. B	—	0	Voted 3\5\96	—	0
Prec. C	—	3	Voted 3\5\96	—	0

Registered Voters in Belchertown

	Prec. A	**Prec. B**	**Prec. C**	**Totals**
Democrat	645	680	494	1819
Republican	260	334	310	904
Libertarian	3	0	3	6
Unenrolled	1,222	1,291	1,261	3,774
Other	0	1	0	1
	2,130	2,306	2,068	6,504

Total of 417 voted = 6.40%

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held March 11, 1996 at Belchertown High School

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.
Registered voters present - 94 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to appropriate from free case in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Maturing Debt account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury sums of money to the Town Share-Health Insurance and to the Schools #5000 accounts, or take any other action relative thereto- it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - unanimous)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to ratify the Police Department Collective Bargaining contract and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $17,806.00 to the Police Department Wages account to fund same.

(Vote - unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted pursuant to M.G.L.Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance of the building housing the Day Care Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rental of said building and shall be under the control of the Director of Public Works; such expenditures not to exceed $5,000.00.

(Vote - unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment to take no action failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to revise their vote of May 21, 1973 by increasing the membership of the Historical Commission from five to seven members.

(Vote - unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $500.00 to the Selectmen's Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to waive fifty per cent (50%) of the Criminal Justice Training Council fee assessed for each police trainee upon the trainee's graduation from the Police Academy; and, provided that the trainee remains in the full-time employ of the Town for three (3) years, waive the remaining fifty per cent (50%) of the fee at the third anniversary of the trainee's Academy graduation.

(Vote - unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 2 to increase the number of members of the Belchertown Board of Health from three to five, the terms of such new members, when such positions are first filled, to be as follows:

one member to serve for 3 years
one member to serve for 2 years

Thereafter, the successors of each such members shall serve for terms of three years each.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 21, to ask that the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown be appointed by the Selectmen and that the Selectmen include in the warrant for the annual town meeting for submission to the voters a question in the following form, to be placed on the official ballot:

Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen appoint the Board of Health? Yes/No

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Yes-50; No 33)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, and on file in the office of the Town Accountant, in the following manner: Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

A. Management/Professional
Delete Police Chief $44,000 - $54,000
and for the remainder of the Pay Level or Range increase the lower and upper range by 2.7%, effective March 28, 1996.

and under C. FULL-TIME NON-EXEMPT add the following:
DPW Laborer 3
Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer (truck driver) 4

Medium Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	5
Motor Equipment Maintenance Man/Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	6
Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/ Laborer	6
Special Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/ Laborer	6
Working Foreman	9

and under F. "Pegged" Rate Schedule Hourly - add the following to the schedule:

Special Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/ Laborer	$13.506
Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/ Laborer	13.506
Motor Equipment Maintenance Man/Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	13.506
Medium Heavy Motor Equipment Operator/ Laborer	12.65
Motor Equipment Operator/Laborer	11.314

and increase each "Pegged" position rate by 2.7% effective March 28, 1996.

and under

Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees: change the first paragraph to read "This salary schedule applies to all full-time employees except those classified as Management/Professional. A full-time employee is one who normally works thirty-five (35) o r more hours per week.

and increase each grade/step of the salary schedule by 2.7% effective March 28, 1996.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place: A motion to take no action was offered by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee protested the article because felt it was something that should be put off until the Annual Meeting. Also the Finance Committee did not have the financial figures until 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. After discussion, a 2/3's majority voice vote moved the question. The amendment to "take not action" failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $46,952.00 to various Salary and Wage accounts as follows, to reflect the 2.7% increase voted in Article 11:

Accountant Salary	$266.00
Accountant\Secretary Wage	1.475.00
Collector/Treasurer Salary	177.00
Town Clerk Salary	70.00
Assessors Salary	207.00
Assessors Wages	500.00
Conservation Commission Salary	385.00
Planning Board Wages	100.00
Maintenance Groundskeeper Wages	750.00
Police Wages	850.00
Fire Chief's Salary	250.00
Fire Wages	75.00
Director of Inspection Services Salary	210.00
Inspection Wages	790.00
DPW Director Salary	295.00
DPW Wages	17,000.00
Council of Aging Wages	20,365.00
Clapp Memorial Library Salary	210.00
Clapp Memorial Library Wages	960.00
Parks, Beach, Recreation Salary	184.00
Landfill Enterprise Wages	1,833.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 13, 1996 at Belchertown High School FY96

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Registered voters present - 110 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to appropriate from the Fire Department Wage account the sum of $2,800.00 to the Fire Department Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to appropriate from the Accountant Secretary Out of State Travel account the sum of $1,200 to the Accountant/Secretary Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to appropriate from the Computing/ Purchasing Out of State Travel account the sum of $450.00 to the Computing/Purchasing Expense account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 4. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Fire Department Out of State Travel account a sum of money to the Fire Department Expense account, or take any other action relative thereto -

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from the Maintenance Groundskeeper Salary account a sum of $29,980.00 to the Maintenance Groundskeeper Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from Lawrence Memorial Hall account the sum of $2,500.00 to the Maintenance Groundskeeper Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $30,000.00 to the Snow Removal account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, by deleting from Appendix A 3. Special Motor Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Laborer 6.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:14 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 13, 1996 at Belchertown High School FY97

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.
Registered voters present - 279 (Quorum required-75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Two Boy Scouts & Two Girl Scouts carried in the flags, and Selectman Fitzpatrick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following awards were given:

To Gary Brougham, DPW Director - Employee of the Year Award
To the Elementary School Building Committee - Volunteer of Year Award (accepted by Chmn. Pauline Johnson)
To William Gerry Whitlock - Citizen of the Year Award. (Gerry served the Town for 35 years in various capacities, retiring in 1993 as Executive Secretary.)

ARTICLE 1. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and Mary L. Pratt as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$9.29
Board of Health	6.36

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize the Bard of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account the sum of $2,950.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted that the sum of $200,000.00 be appropriated for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Nursery II at the former Belchertown State School for use as a senior center, such appropriation to be raised by taxation, and further that the sum of $1,200,000.00 be appropriated for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs for Nursery I at the former State School for use as a police station and that to raise this appropriation the sum of $900,000.00 e raised by taxation and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $300,000.00 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, the following took place:
a) an amendment to divide the article into two motions (wording the same) failed by a vote of Yes-71; No-152.
b) after considerable discussion, a unanimous yes vote moved the question.
c) after the article's "unanimous yes" final vote, a motion for reconsideration failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $344,500.00 and from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $450,500.00 for a total of $795,000.00 for the purpose of capping the landfill.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $90,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping an ambulance.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12. On the motion - to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $100,000.00 for the purpose of renovating Lawrence Memorial Hall for more office space -

a Majority No vote defeated the article. Count: Yes-64; No-110

(Prior to the final vote on the article, the following took place:
a) after considerable discussion, a unanimous yes vote cut off debate.
b) after the article's "majority no" final vote, a motion for reconsideration failed.)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $85,000.00 for the purpose of constructing an elevator in the high school.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (a) Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $753,087.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,284,132.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,869,258.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $479,993.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote -Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on the article, the following took place: a) an amendment was offered to lower the requested figure to $438,024.00. After discussion a majority yes vote cut off debate, and the amendment failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 14. (f) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $616,066.00 for the Highway Department, each item and amount recommenced in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (g) Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $88,365.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $100,000.00 for a total appropriation of $188,365.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14.(h) Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $68,849.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $200,000.00 for a total amount appropriate of $268,849.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,663.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of $6,000.00 for a total appropriation of $28,663.00 to the Conservation Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to the Historical Commission and $348.00 to the Historical District Committee, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14.(k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $207,325.00 to the Human Services departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $271,037.00 and appropriate from recreation off-set receipts the sum of $45,000.00 for a total appropriation of $316,037.00 for Culture and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (m) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $193,359.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (n) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $950,739.00 to the Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (o) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,600.00 to the Unclassified accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. (p) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,835,482.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 15. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $55,299.00 for the following items:

Decollator	$1,349.00
Second Hand Vehicle for Assessors	3,500.00
Second Hand Vehicle for Building Insp.	3,000.00
Sewer Snake	2,500.00
Ambulance Radio Equipment	3,000.00
Ambulance Equipment and Supplies	5,000.00
New Swings for Parsons Field	1,950.00
Tennis Court Repairs	6,500.00
Town Beach Lifeguard Stands	2,500.00
Regrout and Repair Pool	20,000.00
Portable Pump for Fire Department	6,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 16. Voted to accept M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 108L, better known as the Quinn bill.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17. Voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 148, Sections 26E and 26G, pertaining to smoke detectors and sprinkling systems.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18. On the motion - to change the name of a Town Way known as Ballou Street to Sky Meadow Drive -

a Majority No vote defeated the article. Count: Yes-24; No-50

ARTICLE 19. Voted to transfer to the Board of Selectman for the purpose of sale and to authorize the Board of Selectman, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, to sell two parcels of Town owned land off Town Beach Road as shown on a plan of land entitles "Sketch in Belchertown, Mass., dated December 14, 1995 as prepared by Richard J. LaBarge, Sr., P.L.S." with Proposed Lot 12A to be sold to Bonnie Strickland and Proposed Lot 13A to be sold to Shanley J & Nancy C. Wilde.

2/3's required (Vote: No-1; Yes-Over 100)

ARTICLE 20. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, to increase the existing B-1, Limited Business District (commencing on the Westerly side of Turkey Hill Road, along the Southern boundary of Lot 26, Map 12, at a constant depth of 150' perpendicular to Turkey Hill Road, including portions of Lots 26, 28, and 38A, Map 12, then North 350' along Turkey Hill Road, consisting of 52,500+/- sq. ft.), by deleting the remaining area within Lots 26,38, and 38A, Map 12, from the Primary Agricultural (AG-A) District and including same in their entirety within the Limited Business (B-1) District.

2/3's required (Vote: No-1; Yes-Over 100)

ARTICLE 21. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, at 120 N. Main Street Map 10A, Lot 81, in its entirety from the existing Village Residential (VR) District to Limited Business (B-1) District.

2/3's required (Vote: No-1; Yes-Over 100)

ARTICLE 22. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, at Federal St., Map 1, Lots 62C, 62D, 62E, 62F and 62G in its entirety. from the present zone, General Business (B-2) for the first 500' from the road, and the balance of the property presently zoned Primary Agricultural (AG-A), to Primary Agricultural (AG-A), for the entire parcel.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 23. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Move definition, "Exterior Additions" from pg. 7-4 to Section I, 1.1 Definitions.

Section I, 1.1 Definitions, add:

Minimum Lot Width: The diameter of a circle of the prescribed minimum lot width for the zone in which a lot is situated being passed along a continuous line from the frontage of the lot through the rear of the lot's building envelope without the circumference intersecting any side lot lines, except as defined for estate lots (Section 7.11), and Open Space Community Developments (Section 5.1, Note F) of this Bylaw;

Delete words Building Inspector from Sec. 7.210, last sentence of d., which lists Boards/Commissions that review the Form O, Site Plan Application;

Delete from Section X, Common Drive Development, Sec. I 0.1, B/ Waiver of Compliance, a sentence:

"Those requirements with which strict compliance may be waived by the Planning Board shall include: Sec. 10.3100, 10.3102, 10.3103, 10.3104, 10.3106, 10.3107, 10.3108 and 10.3109";

Delete from Section X, Common Drive Development, Sec. 10.3115 and add new

Sec. 10.80 "The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for a lot in a common drive development until the necessary Special Permit is granted and recorded, and the appeal period has expired"; this changes numbers which follow to 10.81, 10.82, 10.83 and 10.84;
Change Section V, pages 5-4 and 5-5, specifically Business Districts B-1, B-2, and Industrial Districts LI, I, Maximum Lot Coverage column only: B-1 and B-2 districts from 30% to 80% Max. lot coverage and LI and I districts from 50% to 80% Max. lot coverage.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 24. (For information purposes only - the articles, which was a Citizens' Petition, if approved would have required the Board of Selectmen to defer business to the Annual Town Meeting whenever possible, thereby limiting the number of Special Town Meetings. A new subsection to Town Bylaws under Article 1-Town Meeting would have been added. See entire text in Warrant.)

Art. 24 acted upon as follows:

a) original motion "to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, in the manner just described by the Moderator" was read.

b) an amendment "change the third word in the second paragraph of the article from "subsection" to "subsections". Change the colons at the end of the paragraphs numbered 1a. and 1b. to semicolons. Amend the paragraph numbered 1a. to read as follows" "An article which is required to be inserted in the warrant of a special town meeting by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 10, or by any other Massachusetts General Law." Delete the paragraph numbered 3. in its entirety," carried.

c) after considerable discussion, a majority no vote defeated the article. Count: Yes-38, No-43.

d) a motion for reconsideration failed by a majority no vote. Count: Yes-37, No-47

Meeting dissolved at 10:45 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 5/13/96 FY97

Article #	Budget or Department		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
1-5.	None		-	-	-	-	-	-
6	From Sale of Lots acct. to Cemetery Lot Dev. acct.		2,950.00	-	-	2,950.00	-	-
7	Assessors - Legal Counsel, Resolving court tax cases		100.00	-	-	-	-	100.00
8	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use		30,000.00	-	-	-	-	30,000.00
9	Nursery II (of B.S.S.) renovation - to become Senior Center		200,000.00*	200,000.00*	-	-	-	-
	Nursery I (of B.S.S.) renovation-to become Police Sta.		1,200,000.00*	900,000.00*	-	-	300,000.00*	-
10	Capping Landfill		795,000.00	-	450,500.00	-	-	344,500.00
11	Purchase & equip ambulance		90,000.00	-	90,000.00	-	-	-
12	None		-					
13	High School Elevator		85,000.00	-	-	-	-	85,000.00
14	Itemized Budgets							
	(a) None		-	-	-	-	-	-
	(b) General Government	(Total)	753,087.00					
	1. Moderator	Salary	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	2. Selectmen,	Salary	-	6,300.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	9,929.00	-	-	-	-
	3. Executive Secretary	Salary	-	48,622.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	4,910.00	-	-	-	-
	4. Town Accountant, Admin. Secretary	Salary	-	41,150.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	85,108.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	19,450.00	-	-	-	-
	5. Town Clerk	Salary	-	13,617.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	33,161.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	4,615.00	-	-	-	-
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector	Salary	-	27,233.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	90,329.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	35,720.00	-	-	-	-
	7. M.I.S./ Purchasing Dir.	Salary	-	34,405.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	8,900.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	17,385.00	-	-	-	-
	8. Bd. of Assessors	Assessors (Board)	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
		Assessors (Salary)	-	33,032.00	-	-	-	-

Article #	Budget or Department		Total Appropri-ation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
		Wages	-	103,229.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	29,250.00	-	-	-	-
		Field Review Update	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
9.	Law Account, Fees		-	51,300.00	-	-	-	-
10.	Finance Committee	Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	527.00	-	-	-	-
11.	Election & Registration	Salary	-	350.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	11,000.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	5,575.00	-	-	-	-
12.	Planning Board	Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	15,500.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	3,965.00	-	-	-	-
13.	Bd. Of Appeals	Wages	-	2,800.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
14.	Economic Development I.C.	Expenses	-	2,500.00	-	-	-	-
15.	Rail Trail Committee	Expenses	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	-
16.	Cable Access TV Oper.	Expenses	-	5,000.00	-	-	-	-
(c)	Protection of Persons & Property	(Total)	1,284,132.00					
17.	Police Dept.	Salary	-	49,538.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	755,938.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	127,115.00	-	-	-	-
18	Ambulance Service	Wages	-	50,860.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	9,850.00	-	-	-	-
19.	Fire Dept.	Salary (Chief)	-	38,848.00	-	-	-	-
	Full-Time Firefighters		-	27,500.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	54,211.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	52,975.00				
20.	Hydrant Service	Expenses	-	18,004.00	-	-	-	-
21.	Dog Officer,	Salary (Dog Officer)	-	1,200.00				
		Salary (asst. dog officer)	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	7,240.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	4,040.00	-	-	-	-
22.	Inspection Services	Salary	-	33,032.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	42,313.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	10,098.00	-	-	-	-
23.	Civil Defense	Wages	-	350.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	420.00	-	-	-	-
24.	Insect/Pest Control	Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
25.	Dutch Elm Disease	Wages	-	420.00-	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
26.	Tree Warden	Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Expwnses	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
(d)	Town School Department	(Total)	10,869,258.00					
27.	Administration		-	307,244.00	-	-	-	-
	Instruction		-	7,060,589.00	-	-	-	-
	Other School Services		-	960,123.00	-	-	-	-
	Operation & Maintenance		-	1,098,944.00	-	-	-	-
	Insurance Programs		-	890,751.00	-	-	-	-
	Fixed Assets		-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Programs with Other Schools		-	551,607.00	-	-	-	-
(e)	Regional School Department, Pathfinder (Total)		479,993.00					
28.	Operation & Maintenance		-	352,869.00	-	-	-	-
	Capital/Bond Issue Share		-	54,951.00	-	-	-	-
	Share of Other Programs		-	41,969.00	-	-	-	-
	Transportation Share		-	30,204.00	-	-	-	-

Article #	Budget or Department		Total Appropri-ation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
(f)	Highway Department	(Total)	616,066.00					
29.	Highways, Personnel	Salary	-	47,497.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	261,289.00	-	-	-	-
		Uniforms	-	3,500.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	400.00	-	-	-	-
30.	Snow Removal	Expense	-	95,050.00	-	-	-	-
31.	Road Machinery	Expenses	-	55,700.00	-	-	-	-
32.	Construction Materials	Expenses	-	22,000.00	-	-	-	-
33.	Hired Services	Expenses	-	37,500.00	-	-	-	-
34.	Street Lighting	Expenses	-	29,000.00	-	-	-	-
35.	Streets	Expenses	-	42,800.00	-	-	-	-
36.	Professional Engineering	Expenses	-	10,500.00	-	-	-	-
37.	Town Garage	Expenses	-	10,830.00	-	-	-	-
(g)	Landfill Enterprise Fund	(Total)	188,365.00					
38.	Wages		-	-	-	-	-	54,940.00
	Expenses		-	-	-	100,000.00 (landfill rcts)	-	21,425.00
	Hazardous Waste Day		-	-	-	-	-	12,000.00
(h)	Sewer Enterprise Fund	(Total)	268,849.00					
39	Salary		-	-	-	-	-	0.00
	Wages		-	-	-	73,445.00 (sewer rcts)	-	12,842.00
	Expenses		-	-	-	126,555.00 (sewer rcts)	-	-
	Maturing Debt		-	-	-	-	-	51,815.00
	Maturing Debt Interest		-	-	-	-	-	4,192.00
(i)	Conservation Commission	(Total)	28,663.00					
40	Wages		-	19,963.00	-	6,000.00 (wetlands hearings fees)		-
	Expenses		-	2,700.00	-	-	-	-
(j)	Historical Commission/District	(Total)	598.00					
41.	Historical Commission	Expenses	-	250.00	-	-	-	-
42.	Historical District	Expenses	-	348.00	-	-	-	-
(k)	Human Services Depts.		207,325.00					
43.	Board of Health	Salary	-	2,825.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	8,165.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	4,775.00	-	-	-	-
44.	Council on Aging	Salary	-	30,297.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	73,624.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	24,820.00	-	-	-	-
45.	Veterans Services	Agent Salary	-	5,200.00	-	-	-	-
		Agent Expenses	-	600.00	-	-	-	-
		Veterans Benefits	-	27,200.00	-	-	-	-
46.	Veterans Graves	Expenses	-	645.00	-	-	-	-
47.	Cemetery Commissioners	Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	12,000.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	16,974.00	-	-	-	-
48.	Mobilehome/Rent Control Bd.	Wages	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	200.00	-	-	-	-
(l)	Culture & Recreation	(Total)	316,037.00					
50.	Clapp Memorial Library	Salary	-	33,770.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	68,987.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	39,244.00	-	-	-	-
51.	Parks & Recreation	Salary	-	29,278.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	46,693.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	13,656.00	-	-	-	-
52.	Parks & Rec. Offset Receipts. Wages & Expenses		-	18,800.00	-	45,000.00 (off-set accts)	-	-

Article #	Budget or Department		Total Appropri-ation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
53.	Parks & Rec. Tn. Bch.	Wages & Expenses	-	15,325.00	-	-	-	-
54.	Old Town Hall	Expenses	-	5,284.00	-	-	-	-
(m)	Buildings & Grounds	(Total)	193,359.00					
55.	Maint/Groundskeeper	Salary	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
		Wages	-	123,069.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	21,900.00	-	-	-	-
56.	Law. Mem. Hall	Wages	-	7,400.00	-	-	-	-
		Expenses	-	27,590.00	-	-	-	-
57.	Town Common	Expenses	-	1,350.00	-	-	-	-
58.	Town Clock	Wages	-	500.00	-	-	-	-
59.	Police Station	Expenses	-	8,350.00	-	-	-	-
60.	Finnerty House	Expense	-	3,200.00	-	-	-	-
(n)	Pensions & Insurance	(Total)	950,739.00					
60.	General Insurance	Expense	-	163,765.00	-	-	-	-
61.	Unemployment Insurance	Expenses	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-
62.	Workers Compensation Ins.	Expense	-	34,403.00	-	-	-	-
63.	Health Insurance	Expenses	-	328,500.00	-	-	-	-
64.	Group Life Ins.	Expenses	-	1,300.00	-	-	-	-
65.	FICA-Medicare-Tn Share	Expenses	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
66.	Pensions.	Expenses	-	390,771.00	-	-	-	-
(o)	Unclassified Accounts	(Total)	45,600.00					
67.	Patriotic Exercises	Expenses	-	300.00	-	-	-	-
68.	Printing Annual Reports	Expenses	-	4,000.00	-	-	-	-
69.	Unclassified Account	Expenses	-	41,300.00	-	-	-	-
(p)	Interest & Debt Accts	(Total)	1,835,482.00					
70.	Interest	Expenses	-	735,762.00	-	-	-	-
71.	Maturing Debt	Expenses	-	1,099,720.00	-	-	-	-
15.	Sundry Items (11-see 'Action Taken' for each item & amount)		55,299.00					55,299.00
16-24.	None		-	-	-	-	-	-
		GRAND TOTALS	20,495,902.00	18,629,339.00	540,500.00	353,950.00	300,000.00	672,113.00

*Amended See S.T.M. of 140/15/96 (Art 4)

ATTEST:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town Election
May 20, 1996

***Denotes elected**

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Moderator — 1 year					
*Terry Scott Nagel		225	323	262	810
Tom Grady (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Sally Dodge (Writein)		2	0	0	2
Wayne Paradise (Writein)		0	1	0	1
Bart Lawler (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Lorraine Kaplan (Writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	68	102	92	262
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078
Selectman — 3 years					
*David S. Fredenburgh		211	294	258	763
Beth Cohen (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Herb Squires (Writein)		6	3	1	10
Steve Lanphear (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Sally Dodge (Writein)		1	6	1	8
Donald Minney (Writein)		2	0	1	3
Suzanne Bay (Writein)		0	1	0	1
Gerald Lafleur (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Paul Kaplan (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Robert Martens (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Gerry Grasso (Writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	74	122	91	287
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078
Selectman — 1 year					
Sally Dodge		19	23	19	61
Gerald A. Grasso		28	22	46	96
*M. Florine Neggers		144	198	133	475
Herbert E. Squires		99	178	154	431
	Blanks	6	5	4	15
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078
School Committee — 3 years					
*Edward R. Mitnick		206	259	212	677
*Richard D. White		205	316	235	756
Norm Lorange (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Sally Dodge (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Cheryl Garwahi (Writein)		0	1	0	1
Fran Bodzinski (Writein)		0	0	1	1
David Sammataro (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Rick Davitt (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Judy Dudek (Writein)		0	0	1	1
William Russell (Writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	179	276	260	715
	Totals	592	852	712	2,156

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Tota
Planning Board — 5 years					
*Michael A. Beresky		219	335	259	813
Mike Henry (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Sally Dodge (Writein)		1	0	0	1
David Haines (Writein)		1	0	0	1
	Blanks	74	91	97	262
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078
Housing Authority — 5 years					
Mike Caney (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Jack Hulmes Jr. (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Margaret Louraine (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Shelly Rose (Writein)		1	0	0	1
*Thomas T. Soja (Writein)		0	2	2	4
Sally Dodge (Writein)		0	2	0	2
Herb Squires (Writein)		0	1	2	3
Jemma Lamber t (Writein)		0	1	0	1
Tom Moran (Writein)		0	1	0	1
Pat Mitchell (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Robert Rossi (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Louise Barrett (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Shirley Bock (Writein)		0	0	3	3
Florine Neggers (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Robert Dubois (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Sue Montefusco (Writein)		0	0	1	1
David Holmes (Writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	292	419	342	1,053
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078
Board of Health — 3 years					
*Denise Finn-Rizzo		188	259	214	661
*Leonard R. Belisle		87	137	128	352
Gloria E. Ortiz		105	144	100	349
David Conkey (Writein)		0	0	1	1
Roy Bergeron (Writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	212	312	268	792
	Totals	592	852	712	2,156
Board of Health — 2 years					
*Robert P. Bishop		216	309	247	772
Sandy Melius (Writein)		1	0	0	1
Leonard Belisle (Writein)		0	1	0	1
	Blanks	79	116	109	304
	Totals	296	426	356	1,078

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Question #1 — Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen ap-oint the Board of Health?					
*No		190	297	235	722
Yes		85	103	102	290
	Blanks	21	26	19	66
	Total	296	426	356	1,078
Votes cast on May 20, 1996		296	426	356	1,078
16% voted)					

Registered voters at Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	649	691	503	1,843
Republican	268	349	347	964
Unenrolled	1,129	1,287	1,255	3,761
Others	4	1	4	9
	2,140	2,328	2,109	6,577

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

DEMOCRAT

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Senator in Congress (Vote for One)					
John F. Kerry		26	42	40	108
	Blanks	5	11	8	24
	Total	31	53	48	132
Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for One)					
John W. Olver		28	44	37	109
	Blanks	3	9	11	23
	Total	31	53	48	132
Councillor (Seventh District) (Vote for One)					
Jordan Levy		20	33	30	83
	Blanks	11	20	18	49
	Total	31	53	48	132
Senator in Gen.Ct. (Worc-Hampden-Hampshire-& Franklin Dist.) (Vote for One)					
Joanne Alinovi		9	16	12	37
Stephen M. Brewer		20	33	32	85
	Blanks	2	4	4	10
	Total	31	53	48	132
Representative in Gen.Ct. (1st Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)					
Patrick Landers, III		0	43	0	43
James R. Foley		0	5	0	5
(7th Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)					
Thomas M. Petrolati		26	0	37	63
Patrick Landers (writein)		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	5	5	10	20
	Total	31	53	48	132
Register of Probate (Hampshire County) (Vote for One)					
Robert F. Czelusniak		23	36	31	90
	Blanks	8	17	17	42
	Total	31	53	48	132

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

REPUBLICAN

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Senator in Congress (Vote for One)					
William F. Weld		15	24	25	64
	Blanks	0	0	0	0
	Total	15	24	25	64
Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for One)					
Jane Maria Swift		13	22	23	58
Greg Morgan (Writein)		0	1	0	1
	Blanks	2	1	2	5
	Total	15	24	25	64
Councillor (Seventh District) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate		0	0	0	0
	Blanks	15	24	25	64
	Total	15	24	25	64
Senator in Gen.Ct. (Worc-Hampden-Hampshire-& Franklin Dist.) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate		0	0	0	0
Stephen Brewer (Writein)		1	1	0	2
	Blanks	14	23	25	62
	Total	15	24	25	64
Representative in Gen.Ct. (1st Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate		0	0	0	0
(7th Hampden Dist.) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate		0	0	0	0
	Blanks	15	24	25	64
	Total	15	24	25	64
Register of Probate (Hampshire County) (Vote for One)					
No Candidate		0	0	0	0
	Blanks	15	24	25	64
	Total	15	24	25	64

STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

LIBERTARIAN

No candidates for any office; no votes in this party

Registered voters in Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Tota
Democrat	655	709	527	1,89
Republican	275	354	377	1,00
Libertarian	4	0	5	
Unenrolled	1,224	1,305	1,277	3,80
Misc.	0	1	0	
	2,158	2,369	2,186	6,71

Voted 9/17/96

Democrat	31	53	48	13
Republican	15	24	25	6
	46	77	73	19

2.9% voted

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
MASSACHUSETTS

Action taken at the special town Meeting held October 15, 1996 at Chestnut Hill Community School FY97

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.
Registered voters present - 268 (Quorum required-75)
The Clerk read The Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $570.00 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

Holyoke Sanitary Landfill, Inc.	$216.00
River Valley Counseling	354.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept for the Town of Belchertown a certain parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Westwood Drive in belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, said parcel being shown as Lot 49EA on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Surveyed for Jeffrey M. Moreau" dated June 9, 1987, revised June 11, 1987, revised June 23, 1987, revised July 27, 1987, said plan being recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 149, Page 59, said land being more particularly bounded and described as shown on said plan to which express references is hereby made for a complete description of said land.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to transfer the sum of $32,825.00 from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds issued as of February 15, 1996 for the construction of an elementary school, which project has been substantially completed, for the purpose of completing the reconstruction of the roof of the Clapp Memorial Library.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to amend the vote adopted Article 9 at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13, 1996 so as to provide (1) that the sum of $1,200,000.00 be appropriated thereby for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Nursery I at the former Belchertown State School for use as a police station, such appropriation to be raised by transfer from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds issued as of February 15, 1996 for the construction of an elementary school, which project has been substantially completed, and (2) that the sum of $835,700.00 be appropriated for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to Nursery II at the former State School for use as a Senior Center, and that to raise this appropriation, the sum of $229,175.00 shall be transferred from the unexpended proceeds of the aforesaid bonds issued as of February 15, 1996 and the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the $606,525.00 balance in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7(3A), of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, provided that the authorized amount of such bonds or notes shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received by the Town for the project, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to apply for and accept any grants or gifts that may be available for either project.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, after considerable discussion a majority yes vote cut off debate.)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,100,000.00 to the Fire Station Construction account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, after discussion a majority yes vote cut off debate.)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,638.16 to the Schools #4000 account for unforeseen expenditures in the pool area repair.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the manner just read by the Moderator -

Under Section 8. Add the following:

SCHEDULE H: Fire Service (Hourly)

Firefighter (Full time Fire Suppression)	$10.5769
Firefighter (Fires Inspection)	13.2212

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, and on file in the office of the Town Accountant, changes to be effective July 1, 1996, in the following manner:

Under Section 8 Paragraph G:
"Pegged" Rate Schedule Hourly—Increase the rate by 3% and
Under Appendix B:
Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees—increase each grade/step of the salary schedule by 3%.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, after discussion a unanimous yes vote cut off debate.)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $34,616.00 to the following named accounts:

Accountant Secretary Wages	$2,516.00
Assessors Wages	2,906.00
Town Clerk Wages	980.00
Treasurer Collector Wages	2,673.00
Conservation Commission Wages	735.00
Planning Board Wages	463.00
Maintenance Grounds Wages	2,883.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	211.00
Police Department Wages	3,854.00
Fire Department Wages	873.00
Ambulance Wages	309.00
Inspection Services Wages	473.00
Highway Department Wages	7,080.00
Council on Aging Wages	1,437.00
Parks, Beach, Recreation Wages	1,277.00
Sewer Department Wages	2,349.00
Sanitary Landfill Wages	1,485.00
Clapp Memorial Library	2,112.00

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, the following took place:

a) An amendment to transfer from the expense accts to the wages accts the sum of $34,616.00 for each named dept. accts and amounts previously read in the prior motion was offered.
b) After discussion a unanimous yes vote cut off debate.
c) The above amendment failed by a majority no vote.)

Meeting dissolved at 9:40 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 1996

Polls opened at 7 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. in all precincts (A, B & C)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Electors of President & Vice President (Vote for One)					
Browne and Jorgensen	Libertarian	15	11	7	33
Clinton and Gore	Democratic	1,039	1,064	1,009	3,112
Dole and Kemp	Republican	464	478	545	1,487
Hagelin and Tompkins	Natural Law Party	3	5	4	12
Moorehead and LaRiva	Workers World Party	3	4	2	9
Perot and Choate	Reform Party	187	220	195	602
Ralph Nader (Write in)		33	7	9	49
Sundry Writeins		15	1	0	16
	Blanks	6	19	11	36
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356
Senator in Congress (Vote for One)					
John F. Kerry	Democratic	951	845	815	2,611
William F. Weld	Republican	756	898	907	2,561
Susan C. Gallagher	Conservative	33	27	33	93
Robert C. Stowe	Natural Law Party	5	9	3	17
Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	1
	Blanks	20	30	23	73
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,536
Representative in Congress (First District) (Vote for One)					
John W. Olver	Democratic	1,018	908	867	2,793
Jane Maria Swift	Republican	719	863	889	2,471
Sundry Writeins		0	1	1	2
	Blanks	28	37	25	90
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356
Councillor (Seventh District) (Vote for One)					
Jordan Levy	Democratic	1,079	1,192	1,132	3,403
Writeins		1	5	7	13
	Blanks	685	612	643	1,940
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Senator in General Court (Worc.,Hampden,Hampshire & Franklin) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Stephen M. Brewer	Democratic	1,133	1,257	1,190	3,580
Writeins		1	2	4	7
	Blanks	631	550	588	1,769
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Representative in General Court (First Hampden District) (Vote for One from Ea. Dist)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Patrick F. Landers, III	Democratic	0	1,312	0	1,312
Thomas M. Petrolati	Democratic	1,126	0	1,215	2,341

(7th Hampden District)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Sundry Writeins		1	3	2	6
	Blanks	638	494	565	1,697
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Register of Probate (Hampshire County) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Robert F. Czelusniak	Democratic	1,110	1,233	1,168	3,511
Writeins		3	2	1	6
	Blanks	652	574	613	1,839
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Regional Voc. School Committee (Pathfinder(4year) Belchertown) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Judith C. Dudek		1,174	1,348	1,263	3,785
Writeins		2	1	2	5
	Blanks	589	460	517	1,566
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Regional Voc. School Committee (Pathfinder (4 year) Monson) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Barbara L. Beaulieu		1,004	1,171	1,075	3,250
Writeins		0	1	0	1
	Blanks	761	637	707	2,105
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Regional Voc. School Committee (Pathfinder (4 year) New Braintree) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Sybil George		962	1,131	1,043	3,136
Writeins		0	1	0	1
	Blanks	803	677	739	2,219
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Regional Voc. School Committee (Pathfinder (4 year) Palmer) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
David Droz		953	1,130	1,038	3,121
Writeins		0	1	1	2
	Blanks	812	678	743	2,233
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Regional Voc. School Committee (Pathfinder (4 year) Granby) (Vote for One)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Gary Connaughton		959	1,122	1,048	3,129
Writeins		0	1	1	2
	Blanks	806	686	733	2,225
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Question #1 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition) (Re: use of certain animal traps, methods of hunting bear or bobcat, & restrictions on who may serve on Fisheries & Wildlife BD)

Office/Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Yes		888	857	804	2,549
No		729	822	804	2,355
	Blanks	148	130	174	452
	Total	1,765	1,809	1,782	5,356

Number of ballots cast November 5, 1996

Precinct A	1,765
Precinct B	1,809
Precinct C	1,782
	5,356

(74% voted)

Registered voters as of 10/16/96 for State Election 11/5/96

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Democrat	738	744	573	2,055
Republican	307	373	404	1,084
Libertarian	7	3	6	16
Unenrolled	1,330	1,388	1,371	4,089
Misc	2	0	0	2
	2,384	2,508	2,354	7,246

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
EMERGENCY NUMBERS

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

LOOKING FOR?	WHERE TO GET IT?	TELEPHONE
• Accounting/Town Payroll	Town Accountant	323-0403
• Cable TV Complaints	Cable TV Advisory Committee c/o Board of Selectmen	323-0403
• Cable TV Service	Amrac Cablevision	323-9203
• Cemetery Plot	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Birth and Death Certificates	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Building, Gas, Electrical Permits	Building Inspector	323-0402
• Burning Permits	Fire Department	323-7571
• Dog Complaint	Dog Officer	323-6880
• Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Environmental Questions	Conservation Commission	323-0405
• Fire Department (Business)		323-7571
• Human Service Issues	First Call for Help	256-0121
• Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Police Department (Business)		323-6685
• Pool and Beach Passes	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Recreational Programs	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Recycling and Trash Information	Public Works	323-0415
• Road Concerns, Snow Removal	Public Works	323-0415
• School Registration	School Department	323-0423
• Senior Activities	Senior Center	323-0421
• Septic and Well Permits	Board of Health	323-0406
• Sewer Billing Questions	Public Works	323-0415
• Smoke Detector Inspections	Fire Department	323-7571
• Sporting Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Subdivision Questions	Planning Board	323-0407
• Tag Sale Permits	Board of Selectmen	323-0403
• Tax Assessments/Abatements	Board of Assessors	323-0413
• Tax Payments	Tax Collector	323-0400
• Trash (Transfer Station) Stickers	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Tree Problems	Public Works	323-0415
• Veterans Issues	Veterans' Agent	323-0409
• Voter Registration	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Water Billing Question	Water District	323-6987
• Zoning Questions	Building Inspector	323-0402

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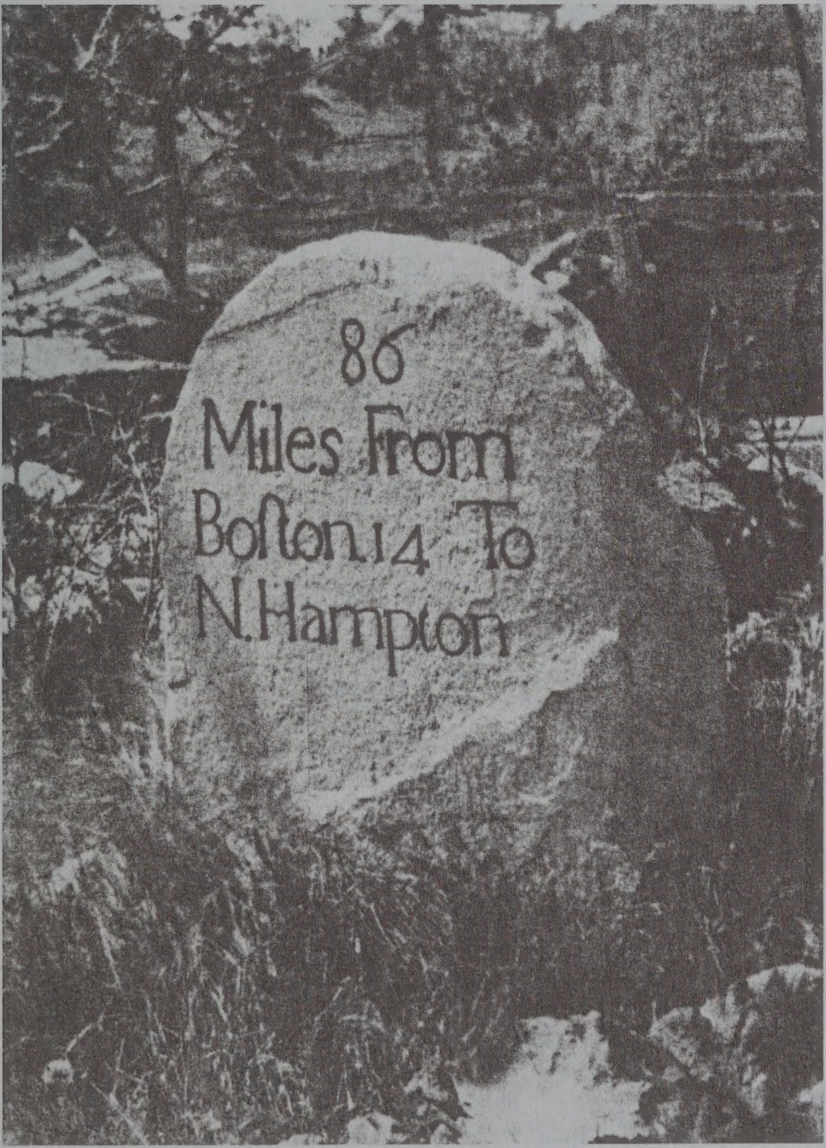
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Town of Belchertown

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BELCHERTOWN is the largest town territorially in Hampshire County. Situated eighty-five miles from Boston and fifteen from Northampton, on the line of the Central Massachusetts railroad, which has a union station with the New London Northern Railroad, thus there are unusual facilities in getting to and from the place at all times of the day. In former times there was a large business carried on here in carriage manufacturing, but this has died out until there is but little business except farming.

The place is becoming justly famous as a summer resort, when by its quiet beauty, pure air and the beautiful drives in the vicinity have attracted many, of refined tastes, who prefer to spend the summer here rather than amid the bustle and rush of the so called fashionable resorts. The mile stone that graces our cover is one mile from the center, and a similar one stands in from the Lawrence Memorial Hall.

1997
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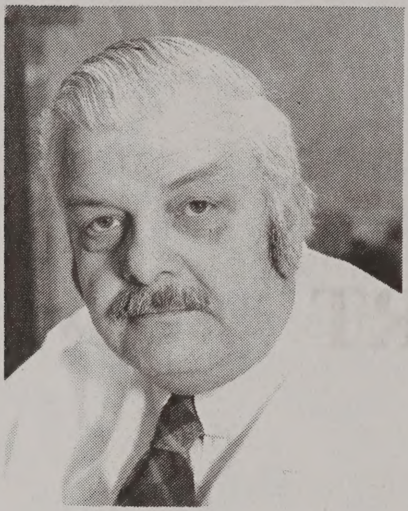

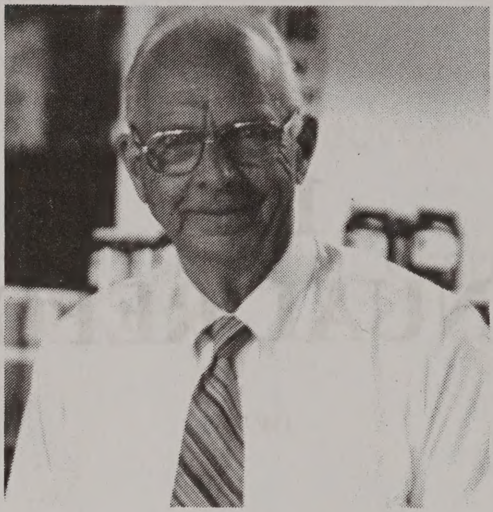

ERNEST M. GAY, SR.

"Ernie" Gay was a lifelong resident of Belchertown, and most recently served as a Bail Clerk for Hampshire County at the Northampton District Court.

Ernie's association with the Town of Belchertown began in 1950, when he was appointed a Special Police Officer for the Town and worked part-time because there were no full-time officers here at that time. In 1957 he was made Acting Police Chief and was later appointed as the Town's first Police Chief. For many years he operated the Police Department out of his house because there were no office facilities.

Prior to his retirement in 1981, he received commendations from the Governor's Office and the State Legislature for meritorious and devoted service as an Officer and a Chief.

HOWARD W. ATKINS

Howard Atkins was born in Northampton and lived in Amherst before moving to Belchertown over 20 years ago.

He was a charter member of the Town's Personnel Board and served as its Chairman, and served on several town committees and boards while living in Amherst.

In 1952, Howard bought the family farm and gradually expanded the family's business, which is now a landmark, Atkins Farms Country Market in South Amherst. He cleared and planted trees at his Belchertown orchard on Sabin Street, and invested many years tending to them. Many will remember seeing him marvel over the apple blossoms each May, or at his apple storage facility and cider mill on Mill Valley Road.

Whatever Howard did was done with refinement and an unspoken commitment to do his best. He will be sorely missed.

NATALIE LANDERS

Natalie Landers was born on Feb ruary 6, 1902 in Saint Albans, Vermon She moved to Chicopee Falls and e rolled in the Mercy Hospital Trainin School for Nursing and later continue her private nursing career.

In 1926, Natalie married and ha six children. She and her family move to Belchertown in 1966, where she vol unteered hundreds of hours to both th Senior Center and St. Francis Church.

At the Senior Center, she helpe out in the kitchen, with crafts and numer ous other projects. She was also a love of bridge and played cards quite competi tively with her friends at the Center. Sh was a recipient of the RSVP Award fro the Senior Center, recognizing her year of volunteer service.

At St. Francis, she was the first t receive the Pastor Service Award for he tremendous service to the parish in Oc tober 1996.

Natalie Landers was and continue to be an inspiration to all who knew he Natalie's engaging smile and spirite personality drew people into her life wh are forever blessed with her friendship.

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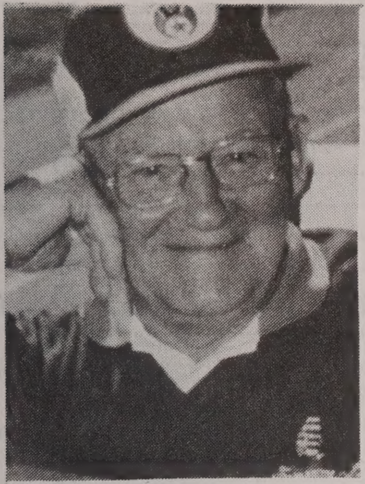

FREDERICK S. VERY

Born in Boston, Fred Very served in World War II and was five-year member of the military band, The Bandsmen, during is active duty. In his sixties, Fred received a degree in education from UMass, where he played in the Umass Band and narched alongside people young enough to be his grandchildren.

Fred lived in Belchertown for 50 years, and was a well espected teacher of mathematics and industrial arts at Belchertown High School. Some students will remember him as peing demanding, but his requests proved positive and his students excelled.

He was a member of the Vernon Lodge of Masons, American Legion Post 239, and Melha Shrine Temple and played the rumpet in the Shrine Military Band.

When Fred passed away, we lost a good friend who can never be replaced.

NANCY A. WHITE

Nancy White was born a nurturer, comforter and healer, which explains why she pursued a career in the healthcare field. After receiving a Registered Nurse degree from Middlesex College, she was a Health Teacher in the Belchertown School System and the nurse at the former Bobbin Hollow Camp in Belchertown for four summers before becoming the School Nurse at the Brimfield Elementary School. Her job was more than tending to scraped knees, it was about caring, helping and listening.

She was the kind of person whose spirit touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Nancy left a lasting impression in our minds and hearts.

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1997 ELECTED OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Virginia M. Hislop		5/1998
Janet L. Wood		5/1998
	Trustees - Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Sylvia C. Conkey		5/1998
Mary S. Pratt		5/1999
Kenneth H. Snow		5/2000
	Cemetery Commissioners (now called Cemetery Advisory Board and no longer elected	
Paul C. Cook(elected)		5/1997
David G. Hodgen (elected)		5/1998
	County Commissioner	
Bernard R. Kubiak		5/1997
Donald R. Laporte (elected 5/19/97)		5/1999
	Board of Health	
Donald L. Minney		5/1997
David M. Haines		5/1998
Robert P. Bishop		5/1998
Denise Finn-Rizzo		5/1999
Leonard R. Belisle		5/1999
Roger M. Bonsall(elected 5/19/97)		5/2000
	Housing Authority	
Antoinette M. Kubiak (State Member to 8/6/97)		
James A. Barry		5/1998
Richard T. Kane(resigned 7/1/97)		5/1999
Louise M. Butler		5/2000
Thomas T. Soja		5/2001
Douglas G. Rae (State Member, appt 8/6/97)		2/3/2002
	Moderator	
Terry Scott Nagel		5/1998
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members	
Michael Roncolato		11/1998
Judith C. Dudek		11/2000

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Planning Board	
Douglas F. Albertson (res. 6/10/97)		5/1998
Ronald Akins (was Assoc.;to reg. member 8/12/97)		5/1998
J. Arnold Voehringer		5/1999
James D. Hodgen		5/2000
Michael A. Beresky		5/2001
Elizabeth C. Chase		5/2002
	School Committee	
Kathleen Beresky		5/1998
Edward R. Mitnick		5/1999
Richard D. White		5/1999
Barbara Schaffer Bacon		5/2000
Sharon D. Barnett		5/2000
	Board of Selectmen	
M. Florine Neggers		5/1997
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		5/1998
Bernard R. Kubiak		5/1998
David S. Fredenburgh		5/1999
Linda E. Barron		5/2000
Gerald A. Grasso (elected 5/19/97)		5/2000

1997 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Town Accountant	
Eleanor W. Green		6/30/99
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Jill M. Besancon		6/30/98
	Town Administrator	
Anne M. Alzapiedi (Resigned 8/97)		6/30/99
Eleanor W. Green(Acting Tn. Admin. 8/97-11/24/97)		
Gary L. Brougham (eff. 11/24/97)		6/30/00
	Town Administrator Screening Committee (appt. 7/97; inactive 11/97)	
Linda Barron		
Sylvia Conkey		
Kevin Lucey		
Neil McCann		
Edward Mitnick		

Name	Office	Term Expires
Americans with Disabilities Act Committee		
Anne M. Alzapiedi (off 8/97)		Final Report
Jennifer Bagnell (off 6/97)		Final Report
Robert Byard		Final Report
Lee Concheri		Final Report
Sally Dodge		Final Report
David Holmes (left 6/97)		Final Report
Judith Moreno		Final Report
Mary F. Platt (off 6/97)		Final Report
Roy Whidden (off 6/97)		Final Report
Paul Adzima, Coordinator (appt 8/97)		Final Report
Ruthella Tucker (appt 9/97)		Final Report
Gary L. Brougham (appt10/97)		Final Report
Arts Council		
Mary Avery		6/30/97
Gloria Fox		6/30/97
Judy McQuillen		6/30/98
Karen Schiffer		6/30/98
Gretchen Holesovsky		6/30/99
Donna M. Kendall		6/30/99
Carol Love (deceased 8/97)		6/30/99
Paul A. Marean		6/30/99
Eva Robbins		6/30/99
Judith A.King (appt. 6/97)		6/30/00
Board of Assessors		
David E. Kiernan (res. 5/97)		6/30/98
Neil S. McCann (appt. 6/97)		6/30/98
Janise G. Fitzpatrick		6/30/99
Michael P. Forgue		6/30/00
Assistant Assessor (appointed by Board of Assessors)		
Adolph R. Cunha		6/30/97
John Whelihan (appt. 9/97)		6/30/98
Cable TV Advisory Board		
Richard W. Whitfield		6/30/97
Linda E. Barron		6/30/98
Arthur L. Dunbar		6/30/98
James P. Kearney		6/30/98
Civil Defense Director		
Donald C. Elliott, Jr.		6/30/98
Civil Defense Deputy Director		
Robert S. Coates, Jr.		6/30/98
Civil Defense Radio Officer		
Charles F. Darling		6/30/97
Raymond Breton, Jr. (appt. 8/97)		6/30/98

Name	Office	Term Expire
Civil Defense Members		
Norman G. Coburn (res. 5/97)		6/30/9
Jeffery A. Czech		6/30/9
John Milner (appt. 8/97)		6/30/9
Conservation Commission		
Jennie T. Greene		6/30/9
Robert W. Stover		6/30/9
Joseph K. Babineau		6/30/9
Kathryn Z. Ruhf		6/30/9
Hubert F. Greene		6/30/0
David M. Haines		6/30/0
Robert J. Rizzo		6/30/0
Council on Aging		
Shirley A. Dorey (resigned 1/97)		6/30/9
Daniele Costantini (res. 3/97)		6/30/9
Joan Hutchinson		6/30/9
Theresa Glanville		6/30/9
Charlotte M. Tenczar		6/30/9
Eva "Terri" Ericksberg		6/30/9
Jeannette M. Crowther		6/30/9
Joan Poole		6/30/9
Alice Peden (appt. 10/97)		6/30/9
Jennifer Venman (res. 7/97)		6/30/9
Michelle Ouhl		6/30/0
Marion Panto		6/30/0
William Carmody (appt. 3/97; res. 12/97)		6/30/0
Ethel Casey (appt. 10/97)		6/30/0
Dog Officer		
Debra R. Michaud		4/30/9
Assistant Dog Officer		
Judith Roberts		4/30/9
Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)		
William G. Whitlock (deceased 2/97)		6/30/9
Arthur Fiorelli		6/30/9
Stephen Lanphear		6/30/9
Steven McCafferty		6/30/9
Robert Brinkman		6/30/9
Jeanette Rossi		6/30/9
David Devine		6/30/0
Kirk Stephens (appt. 8/97)		6/30/0
Rep. Patrick Landers, Ex-Officio		
Francesca Maltese, Ex-Officio		
Jonathan Spiegel, Associate Member		
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member		
Judith A. Hubach, Associate Member		
Frances Callahan, Associate Member		

EDIC Advisory Committee

ame	Office	Term Expires
annette Rossi		
. Daniel Fitzpatrick		
regory Galanek		
illiam Steplar		
hn Curry		
heresa Glanville		
illiam Terry		
eil McCann		
ary Surprenant		
ark Lindhult, Associate Member		
rbara Schaffer Bacon, Assoc. Mbr.		

EMS Operations Manager

ame	Office	Term Expires
omas Majerowski		6-30-98

EMS Department

ame	Office	Term Expires
chard Hutchinson		6/30/97
seph Morrissette		6/30/97
ristina Owczarski		6/30/97
bert Squires		6/30/97
vid Conkey		6/30/98
mes Taylor		6/30/98
ffrey Sendek		6/30/98
y Bergeron		6/30/98
ancis Fox		6/30/98
drea Conkey		6/30/98
even Syriac		6/30/98
cole Robinson		6/30/98
nda Saba		6/30/98
nald Beaver		6/30/98
ilbert Stevenson		6/30/98
gina Stevenson		6/30/98
ott Brougham (appt. 5/97)		6/30/98
arles Beaver (appt. 8/97)		6/30/98
ances Lofland (appt. 8/97)		6/30/98

Eastern Valley Water Protection Committee

ame	Office	Term Expires
vid Haines		6/30/98
bert Stover		6/30/98
idgit Raith		6/30/98

Fair Committee

ame	Office	Term Expires
eather Lalli, Assoc.		6/30/97
lliam Austin		6/30/98
arguerite Brennen		6/30/98
ndy Brown		6/30/98
evin Brown		6/30/98
nda Gay (res. 7/97)		6/30/98
ances Lofland		6/30/98

Name	Office	Term Expires
Nancy Searle		6/30/98
Mark Nute		6/30/98
Robert Squires		6/30/98
Rebecca Brown		6/30/98
Karen Miron (appt. 5/97)		6/30/98

Finance Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Thomas M. Grady		6/30/97
Susan J. Cameron		6/30/98
Gloria E. Ortiz		6/30/98
Ronald E. Aponte		6/30/99
Roseann Martoccia		6/30/99
Michael J. Reardon (appt. 6/97)		6/30/00

Fire Chief

Name	Office	Term Expires
Edward F. Bock		

Forest Fire Warden

Name	Office	Term Expires
Edward F. Bock		

Fire Station Building Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
Samuel J. Joyal		Final Report
James Hodgen		Final Report
Edward Bock		Final Report
Richard Knight		Final Report
Kenneth Rhodes		Final Report
Homer Stebbins		Final Report
Robert Brock		Final Report
Michael Brougham		Final Report
Charles Agen, Electrical Advisor		Final Report
Bruce Officer, Alternate		Final Report
Paul Greene, Alternate		Final Report
David Fredenburgh, Ex-Officio		Final Report

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Name	Office	Term Expires
David Lecours, Alternate		6/30/97
Edward F. Bock		6/30/98
Charles Darling		6/30/98

Board of Health-Appointments Quabbin Health District

Name	Office	Term Expires
Roger Bonsall, Asst. Health Officer (off 5/97 when elected to Bd of Health)		6/30/97
Judy Moreno, Health Officer		6/30/98

Burial Agent

Name	Office	Term Expires
William R. Barnett		6/30/98

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Name	Office	Term Expires
Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.		6/30/98

Inspector of Animals

Name	Office	Term Expires
Robert Novick		2/28/98

Name	Office	Term Expires
	High School Building Committee	
Patrick S. Daly		Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz		Final Report
Robert Lachance		Final Report
Simon James		Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		Final Report
James Brown		Final Report
Richard White		Final Report
Edward Perry, (res. a s regular member 2/97 and remained as non-voting alternate member)		Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel,(was Assoc., to regular member 4/97)		Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek, (was Assoc., to regular member 4/97)		Final Report
Robert Byard, Ex-Officio		
Eric Bernardin, Associate Member		
David M. Sammataro, Associate Member		
William Watson, Associate Member (res. 2/97)		
Melissa Michaud, Non-Voting Adjunct Member		
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., (res. as regular member 1/97 and remained as non-voting member)		
	Historical Commission	
Hilary Woodcock		6/30/98
Vincent DiMarco (appt. 2/97)		6/30/98
Thomas O'Neill		6/30/99
Gail Pisacane		6/30/99
Leslie Squires		6/30/99
Christine Harper		6/30/00
Edward Hood		6/30/00
	Historic District Commission	
Jacqueline Dupre		6/30/98
John B. Curry III		6/30/99
Richard J. Davitt, Jr.		6/30/99
Doris Dickinson		6/30/00
	Holyoke Range Advisory Committee	
Kenneth W. Rhodes		6/30/98
	Industrial Development Financing Authority	
Roger W. Bacon		3/31/97
Janise G. Fitzpatrick		6/30/99
Steven D. Rose		6/30/00
John Malone, Associate Member		
Thomas W. O'Donnell, Jr. Associate Member		
William F. Steplar, Associate Member		
	Inspector of Buildings	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
Paul Tacy (appt for period 7/1-7/31/97)		
Paul Adzima (eff. 8/4/97)		6/30/98

Name	Office	Term Expire
	Assistant Inspector of Buildings	
Christopher Allison		6/30/9
Michael T. Henry (appt. 9/97)		6/30/9
	Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings	
Owen P. Clifford		6/30/9
	Assistant Inspectors of Plumbing and Gas Fittings	
David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/9
Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/9
	Inspector of Wiring	
Douglas Rae		6/30/9
	Assistant Inspector of Wiring	
Paul Choiniere		6/30/9
	Performance Evaluation Committee	
Anne Alzapiedi (left 8/97)		Final Repor
Edward Bock		Final Repor
Gary Brougham		Final Repor
Terry Chevalier		Final Repor
David Fredenburgh		Final Repor
Esther Pierce		Final Repor
	Personnel Board	
David A. Reed		6/30/9
Kenneth D. Nolan		6/30/9
Ronald A. Pobieglo		6/30/9
Maureen A. Wildey		6/30/9
David C. Kuzmeski		6/30/9
Themis J. Tsoumas (appt. 6/97)		6/30/0
M. Florine Neggers (appt. 12/97)		6/30/0
	Town Planner	
Douglas Albertson		
	Planning Board - Alternates (Members Appointed)	
Michael T. Henry		6/30/9
	Planning Board - Associate Member (Members Appointed)	
Daniel Laroche (moved 4/97)		6/30/9
Ronald Akins (was Assoc. -to reg. Member 8/97)		6/30/9
James Natle (appt. 9/97)		6/30/9
	Police Chief	
Robert A. Knight		
	Police Department - Sergeants (Full-time)	
Francis Fox		6/30/9
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.		6/30/9
William C. Zobka		6/30/9

ame	Office	Term Expires

Police Department - Patrol Officers (Full-time)

y F. Bergeron	6/30/98
illiam Beatty	6/30/98
an Bracey	6/30/98
mes Jackson	6/30/98
ffrey Sendek (res. 9/97 - to part-time)	6/30/98
inthrop N. Kellogg	6/30/98
evin G. Truehart	6/30/98
lliam A. Panto	6/30/98
ward H. Oey	6/30/98
evin J. Pacunas	6/30/98
uce Jenks	6/30/98

Police Department - Patrol Officers (Part-time)

evin Antonovitch	6/30/97
ry Merritt	6/30/97
nn Bonafini	6/30/98
vid A. Conkey	6/30/98
an Hamel	6/30/98
mes Taylor	6/30/98
lliam C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/98
vid A. Black	6/30/98
ffrey Scott	6/30/98
ffrey Sendek (appt. eff.9/97 from full time)	6/30/98

Constables

nn Milner	6/30/98
drew Sears	6/30/98

Police Candidate Review Committee

ter Burton	6/30/98
in Bracey	6/30/98
tricia Sheridan	6/30/98

Police Station Building Committee

nn B. Curry, III	Final Report
ter Burton	Final Report
bert W. Farrington	Final Report
bert Henrichon	Final Report
onna Deroin (appt. 12/97)	Final Report
uglas Rae (appt, 12/97)	Final Report
seph Rebello, Associate Member	Final Report
ominic Colaccino, Associate Member	Final Report
bert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
nda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

eila Zahaykevitz (left 1/97)
ry L. Brougham (appt. 11/97)
eanor Green, Assistant (appt. 11/97)

Public Weigher

seph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/98

Name	Office	Term Expires

Public Works Director

Gary L. Brougham (res. 11/97)
Steven J. Williams (eff. 12/97)

PVPC Air Quality Committee

Daniel J. Laroche (moved 4/97) 6/30/97

PVTA (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Elizabeth Chase
Douglas Albertson, Alternate

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/98

PVTA Advisory Board

Shirley A. Dorey (res. 12/97)	6/30/98
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick, (Alternate, to reg. Member 12/97)	6/30/98

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown's Representative)

William F. Steplar

Rail Trail Committee (Dissolved 11/97)

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Jay Holtzman	Final Report
Paul Keating	Final Report
Lewis Louraine (res. 11/97)	Final Report
Peggy Louraine (res. 8/97)	Final Report
Sue Ordinetz	Final Report
Lawrence Tucker	Final Report
Alice Ward	Final Report
Rorry Zahourek	Final Report
Robert Kruse, Assoc.	Final Report
Daniel Laroche, Assoc. (moved 4/97)	Final Report
Alicia Bengochea (appt. 4/97)	Final Report
Mark Brownell (appt. 4/97)	Final Report
David D. Wood (appt. 4/97; res. 9/97)	Final Report

Advisory Committee for Mass Highway Dept Grant to develop Phase 1 of Rail Trail (appt. 3/97: dissolved 11/97)

Gary Brougham
Kathy Ruhf
Sue Ordinetz
Lawrence Tucker
Daniel O'Brien

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Rationing Board	
David H. Squires		6/30/98
Patricia J. Mitchell		6/30/99
Richard F. Dzialo		6/30/00
	Recreation Committee	
Thomas E. Sullivan (res. 3/97)		6/30/98
William R. Lafleur, Assoc.-to full member 4/97)		6/30/98
Karen Schiffer, Assoc. (appt. 5/97)		6/30/98
Robert L. Chartier		6/30/99
Bruce C. Smith		6/30/99
Garry M. Bock		6/30/00
David S. Whipple, (was full member - to Assoc. 4/97)		6/30/98
William Eldridge, Associate (appt. 5/97)		6/30/98
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski, Assoc. -to full member 4/97)		6/30/98
	Recreation Director	
Ronald Constantino		
	Recreation Building Study Committee	
Garry M. Bock		Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer		Final Report
James Phaneuf		Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas		Final Report
David Cushing		Final Report
Michael VanDyke		Final Report
	Registrars of Voters	
Pauline C. Johnson		3/31/98
Dorothy Pomietlarz		3/31/99
Dorothy M. Brennen		3/31/00
William R. Barnett, Clerk		6/30/00
	Assistant Registrars of Voters	
Robert Hansbury (Belchertown High School)		3/31/98
Richard M. Sinkoski (Pathfinder)		3/31/98
	Precinct Coordinator	
Marcel Archambault		8/31/98
	Election Officers - Precinct A	
Rosemary Hodgen (Warden)		8/31/98
Barbara Frigon (Clerk)		8/31/98
	Election Officers - Precinct B	
Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden)		8/31/98
Donna Abely (Clerk)		8/31/98
	Election Officers - Precinct C	
Eileen D. Staples (Warden)		8/31/98
Elizabeth Leger (Clerk)		8/31/98

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Rent Control Board	
John D. Burns		6/30/97
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.		6/30/98
Mitchell Vincent		6/30/99
Hebert E. Squires		6/30/01
	Safety Committee	
Anne M. Alzapiedi (resigned 8/97)		6/30/98
Gary L. Brougham		6/30/98
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		6/30/98
Robert Knight		6/30/98
Carla Kutt		6/30/98
William Linde		6/30/98
	School Crossing Guards	
Hector Tetreault (eff. 9/97)		6/30/98
Andrew Sears, Sub. (eff. 9/97)		6/30/98
	Sealer of Weights and Measures	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
Paul Adzima (eff. 8/97)		6/30/98
	Senior Center Building Committee	
Walter Papp (res. 1/97)		Final Report
William Linde (res. 1/97)		Final Report
Jemma Lambert (left 2/97)		Final Report
Eva Terri Ericksberg		Final Report
Samuel Joyal (appt. 1/97)		Final Report
Alice Peden (appt. 1/97)		Final Report
James Mellors (appt. 1/97; res. 12/97)		Final Report
James Decou (appt. 1/97; res. 12/97)		Final Report
James Shea (appt. 1/97)		Final Report
M. Florine Neggers (ex- officio-off 5/97; reappt.12/97)		Final Report
Ellen Hall (appt. 12/97)		Final Report
Terri Clark (appt. 12/97)		Final Report
Barbara Cummings		Final Report
	Sewer Treatment Plant Design Committee	
Gary L. Brougham		Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		Final Report
Kathy Ruhf		Final Report
William G. Whitlock (deceased 2/97)		Final Report
	Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer	
Gary L. Brougham (appt. 10/97)		
	Overseer of William Stebbins Account	
Bernard R. Kubiak		

ame	Office	Term Expires
	Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
ary L. Brougham (res. 11/97)		6/30/98
even J. Williams (eff. 12/97)		
	Swift River Elementary School Building Committee	
uline Johnson		Final Report
evin P. Lucey		Final Report
aron C. Marean		Final Report
verett C. Hume		Final Report
lan E. Weiss		Final Report
avid Fredenburgh		Final Report
mes P. Fox		Final Report
obert B. Byard, Associate		Final Report
ter Crowley, Associate		Final Report
ichael E. Smith, Associate		Final Report
	Town Clerk	
illiam R. Barnett		6/30/00
	Assistant Town Clerk	
arol E. Hubbard		6/30/98
	Treasurer-Collector	
illiam R. Barnett		6/30/00
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
oria J. Conkey		6/30/98
	Assistant Tax Collector	
sa M. Banner		6/30/98
	Deputy Collectors	
sa M. Banner (office)		12/1998
oria J. Conkey (office)		12/1998
irley Dillard (office)		8/1998
thur C. Jones		9/1998
illiam F. Corbett		9/1998
	Town Counsel	
torney Leonard Kopelman, pelman and Paige		6/30/98
	Veterans' Graves Officer	
obert C. Messier		3/31/98
	Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer	
ayne W. Buchanan		3/31/98
	Veteran's Services Agent	
William Carrier		6/30/98

Name	Office	Term Expires
	War Memorial Committee	
Francis A. Dudek		6/30/98
Peter G. Thorpe		6/30/99
Leo Beauchemin		6/30/00
Roy F. Whidden		6/30/00
Herbert E. Squires		6/30/00
	Zoning Board of Appeals	
Michael A. Roncolato		6/30/98
Stephan B. Wurmbrand		6/30/99
Scott Surner		6/30/00
	Associate Members - Board of Appeals	
Walter Combs, Jr.		6/30/98
Walter Henry, Jr		6/30/98
Sandra Webb		6/30/98
	Zoning Enforcement Officer	
David C. Holmes		6/30/97
Paul Adzima (eff. 8/4/97)		6/30/98

Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen
(Front from left) Linda Barron;
David Fredenburgh, Chairman; W. Daniel Fitzpatrick;
(Back row) Gerald Grasso; Bernard Kubiak

The Board of Selectmen had a very busy year in 1997.

Linda Barron, a long-time Board veteran, and newcomer Jerry Grasso were elected to seats on the Board of Selectmen this past spring.

In August, Anne Alzapiedi, the Town Administrator for nearly four years, resigned to enter the private business sector. Eleanor Green, Town Accountant, very capably filled this position temporarily and did a superb job. Thanks, Eleanor, for your exceptional efforts. After advertising the Town Administrator position, and after interviewing several highly qualified candidates, Gary Brougham, the Director of Public Works for the past five years, was unanimously appointed.

After another search and series of interviews, Steven Williams, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor, was appointed the new Director of Public Works. Several other important personnel changes also occurred during the year: Paul Adzima was appointed Director of Inspection Services; LeeAnne Connolly became the Conservation Administrator; Matt Moebius took over as Director of the Computing Department; Barbara Cummings is now the Director of the Senior Center; Doug Albertson became the Town Planner; and Jay Whelihan joined the Assessors' Department as Assistant Assessor.

The proposed conversions of the buildings on Parcel A of the State School property for use as a Police Station and Senior Center are presently on hold. New expenses involving a seismic study mandated by State building codes and the needed fortification of the buildings to meet these codes have escalated the costs substantially. These new costs, when combined with an array of other problems and costs, have caused the Board of Selectmen to rethink the use of these buildings. As this report is being written, alternatives are being investigated.

After several years, a design change, and two Town Meetings to appropriate funds, the new Fire Station is currently under construction.

In spite of some political wrangling on the State level, wit the Courthouse Construction bonding bill still pending, we remain optimistic that the new Courthouse in Town will shortl become a reality.

The controversy over the Rail Trail was brought to a conclusion when an informal straw poll, with which the Board agree to comply, defeated further planning for the Trail. Because Stat laws are explicit on formal elections, volunteers conducted th poll entirely without the aid of normal voting data or apparatus

Respectfully submitted,

David Fredenburgh, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

As your new Town Administrator, I would like to begin is report in a non-traditional manner. First, I would like to ecognize the efforts and accomplishments of our previous Town dministrator, Anne Alzapiedi. For nearly four years Anne orked diligently with Belchertown's employees, business ownrs and residents to provide quality service and a stable commuity we all call home. Anne recently accepted a new position ith the General Electric Corporation and has relocated to New ork State. To Anne, I want to say thank you for your exceponal service to the Town of Belchertown and good luck in your ew position.

Secondly, I would like to thank our Town Accountant, leanor Green, for the exceptional job she did as Interim Town dministrator. For nearly six months following Anne's deparire, Eleanor very capably served in both capacities until the ppointment of a new Town Administrator. Once again, thank ou for a job well done.

Finally, I would like to reflect briefly on my previous potion at the Belchertown Public Works Department. For four ears prior to my appointment to this position, I served elchertown as Director of Public Works. During that time, I ound great satisfaction and enjoyment in my employment and ccomplishments. To my co-workers at the Department of Pubc Works, fellow Town employees and the residents of elchertown, I want to say thank you. Your support and coopration was the motivation to four successful years. I will now roceed with the Town Administrator report.

The Town Administrator, under the direction of the Board f Selectmen, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of town overnment. This includes annual budget preparation by Deartments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen; personnel dministration; purchasing; grant administration; budget conol; affirmative action; and any other duties the Selectmen may ssign.

During the past year, the following new employees: Paul dzima, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Matew Moebius, Computer Director; Jay Whelihan, Assistant Asessor; LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator; Barbara ummings, Senior Center Director; Douglas Albertson, Town lanner; and Steven Williams, Director of Public Works, assumed eir positions as Department Heads in their respective Departents. Together these individuals bring years of combined exerience and proficiency to the Town. I'm confident they will erve the Town of Belchertown enthusiastically and professionly.

In an effort to provide additional services and programs to e Town, we actively pursued grant opportunities again in 1997. lthough we were not successful every time, various Town Deartments received approvals resulting in thousands of dollars f enhancement and/or service grants.

Perhaps foremost was the library's accomplishment of securing a grant of $277,000 to open the doors at Clapp Memorial Library to Americans with Disabilities. In addition our Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Senior Center and many other Town Departments were successful in bringing funds in Belchertown. We all benefit by these opportunities.

Throughout the year, we made steady progress on the following major projects:

- New Police Station
- Parcel A of the Former Belchertown State School
- New Police Station
- Landfill Closure and Capping
- New Senior Center
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion
- Intersection of Main and Maple Street
- Reconstruction of Red Bridge on Cold Spring Road
- New Expanded High School Project
- Recreational Land Purchase

These major projects required extensive funding, feasibility studies, detailed planning and execution.

As part of our ongoing management programs, Town employees participated in the following Committees and/or service training programs:

- Customer Service
- Employee Needs
- Public Safety
- Employee Safety
- American Disability Act
- CPR
- Computer Training
- Strategic Planning
- And countless others

As you will read in the individual Department and Committee reports, the Town accomplished much in 1997. Each year we face new challenges and it is our goal to face them effectively and proactively. I am very proud to work with such talented and professional employees and enjoy being a contributing member of the Belchertown team.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town positions during their term. The committee is not governed by the Board of Selectmen or any other Town officer or board.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

— Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and

— Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews warrant articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting.

Over the past 2 years Belchertown's operational growth (including capital projects) has increased by approximately 10% in FY 97 and 11.5 % during FY 98. Over the next year Belchertown will be faced with the challenge of funding many large capital expenditures. Among these large capital projects are:

— New Senior High School

— New Senior Center

— New Police Station

— Recreational Facilities

— Belchertown School and Town Offices Technology Plan

While a large amount of grants, loans and state aid may be available for these projects, the Town will undoubtedly shoulder a significant burden of funding for these projects.

In addition to these projects, the Town will also soon feel the sting of the Swift River Elementary School Bond underspending. The impact will be in the form of reduced state reimbursement as we begin to pay back that bond. Since the "surplus" money wasn't spent on the school, the state will not reimburse the Town for the surplus amount thus forcing the Town to payback more money than was originally planned.

It is for these reasons that the Finance Committee's top priority continues to be the rebuilding of the Stabilization Fund. As we saw in FY 97, by utilizing the Stabilization Fund to offset some of the financial demands of major projects, we can minimize the immediate impact to the Town's whole avoiding a "mortgaging" of the Town's future with exorbitant borrowing and interest expenses. With this goal in mind, we will continue to scrutinize the Town's operational budget for nonprudent expenditures and judge capital appropriations on their ability to generate a commensurate service, income and/or cost savings. However, we believe that simple cost-cutting and efficiency increases alone will not save enough money to fund the aforementioned capital projects. This is why we urge Town officials to seek out additional sources of revenue so that worthy and needed projects are not financed almost solely by the home owners of Belchertown.

Belchertown's high quality of life has led to a steady period of growth for the Town. It is important to realize that with the rapid growth of Belchertown, there will be a need to expand its services as well as to increase and improve the Town's infrastructure commensurate with that growth. These essential services will include a new High School, new and updated Waste Water Treatment Plant, possibly land for the construction of new Police Station and Senior Center. The cost of these projects will ultimately fall on the shoulders of the home owners and be translated into higher property taxes. Due to the fact that Belchertown has in the past turned a cold shoulder to business and not diversified its tax base to include business and commerce, the only true source of taxation is residential. Unless Belchertown begins the process of including business and commerce the home owners will continue to shoulder the tax burden for many years to come.

One must also realize that there are no quick fixes to our dilemma. If Belchertown does open its doors to business we might need to allow those businesses time to establish themselves by providing temporary tax incentives. However in the long run these businesses will be enable us to broaden our tax base and create some tax relief to the homeowners.

In order to overcome this predicament, the Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee, will continue to employ prudent financial judgment whenever your tax dollars are being spent. In addition, we will increase our efforts to seek out new revenue sources that will lessen the burden on all tax payers. This is our unwavering commitment to the residents of Belchertown.

Town Accountant

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 1997

SSETS		
ish		3,467,539.36
ccounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	967,698.37	
Property Taxes of 1998	4,729,987.44	
Excise Taxes	290,212.99	
Tax Liens	875,362.81	
Lieu Taxes	15,935.72	
Special Assessments	485,388.19	
Departmental	84,411.05	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(521,718.55)	
		6,927,278.02
x Foreclosure		904.71
tal Assets		10,395,722.09
ABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
abilities:		
Petty Cash Advance		25.00
Warrants Payable		241,785.94
Employee Withholdings		45,934.26
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	5,075,967.26	
Excise Taxes	290,212.99	
Tax Liens	875,362.81	
Lieu Taxes	15,935.72	
Special Assessments	485,388.19	
Departmental	84,411.05	
		6,827,278.02
Unclaimed Checks		13,847.65
tal Liabilities		7,128,870.87
ınd Equity		
Reserve for Encumbrances		1,054,908.20
Reserve for Expenditure		221,450.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,992,226.02
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		(1,733.00)
tal Fund Equity		3,266,851.22
tal Liabilities & Fund Equity		10,395,722.09

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
For the Period Ended June 30, 1997

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only
ASSETS								
Cash	3,467,539.36	298,065.28	4,692,102.19	358,078.78	976,581.25	1,045,078.29		10,837,445.15
Investments						3,500.00		3,500.00
Petty Cash Advance		1,781.00						1,781.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	967,698.37							967,698.37
Property Taxes of 1998	4,729,987.44							4,729,987.44
Excise Taxes	290,212.99							290,212.99
Tax Liens	875,362.81			16,950.56				892,313.37
Lieu Taxes	15,935.72							15,935.72
Special Assessments	485,388.19							485,388.19
Departmental	84,411.05			49,058.32				133,469.37
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(521,718.55)							(521,718.55)
Tax Foreclosures	904.71							904.71
Due from Other Governments		714,560.23	378,092.00					1,092,652.23
Amount to be Provided-Payment of Debt							13,659,764.82	13,659,764.82
Total Assets	**10,395,722.09**	**1,014,406.51**	**5,070,194.19**	**424,087.66**	**976,581.25**	**1,048,578.29**	**13,659,764.82**	**32,589,334.81**
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Petty Cash Advance	25.00							25.00
Warrants Payable	241,785.94	48,939.33	5,790.81	20,142.07	11,628.30	415.26		328,701.71
Employee Withholdings	45,934.26							45,934.26
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	5,075,967.26							5,075,967.26
Excise Taxes	290,212.99							290,212.99
Tax Liens	875,362.81			16,950.56				892,313.37
Lieu Taxes	15,935.72							15,935.72
Special Assessments	485,388.19							485,388.19
Departmental	84,411.05			49,058.32				133,469.37
Other Governments		714,560.23	378,092.00					1,092,652.23
Unclaimed Checks	13,847.65							13,847.65
Bond Indebtedness							13,659,764.82	13,659,764.82
Total Liabilities	**7,128,870.87**	**763,499.56**	**383,882.81**	**86,150.95**	**11,628.30**	**415.26**	**13,659,764.82**	**22,034,212.57**

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
For the Period Ended June 30, 1997

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,054,908.20				772,888.74			1,827,796.94
Reserve for Expenditures	221,450.00							221,450.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,992,226.02							1,992,226.02
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under	(1,733.00)							(1,733.00)
Retained Earnings				337,936.71	192,064.21			530,000.92
Reserved Fund Balance		250,906.95	4,686,311.38			1,048,163.03		5,985,381.36
Total Fund Equity	**3,266,851.22**	**250,906.95**	**4,686,311.38**	**337,936.71**	**964,952.95**	**1,048,163.03**	**0.00**	**10,555,122.24**
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	**10,395,722.09**	**1,014,406.51**	**5,070,194.19**	**424,087.66**	**976,581.25**	**1,048,578.29**	**13,659,764.82**	**32,589,334.81**

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures changes in Fund Balance
Period Ended June 30, 1997

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Funds	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	9,239,705.27						9,239,705.27
State Receipts	8,220,166.52						8,220,166.52
Excise Taxes	745,454.06						745,454.06
Tax Liens	161,916.24						161.91624
Lieu Taxes	137,929.58						137,929.58
Licenses & Permits	142,598.89						142,598.89
Special Assessments	70,309.88						70,309.88
Interest	662,181.70	3,272.33				62,353.59	727,807.62
Fines & Forfeits	135,050.00						135,050.00
Departmental Revenue	236,239.58			14,000.00			250,239.58
Fees	66,044.00						66,044.00
Off-Set Receipts	71,747.00						71,747.00
Other	64,902.77	25,484.59					90,387.36
Grants		1,158,038.27	18,000.00				1,176,038.27
Performance Guarantees		39,500.00					39,500.00
Gifts		43,209.72					43,209.72
Insurance Claims		1,375.81					1,375.81
User Fees		562,587.51		234,487.42	123,864.20		920,939.13
Total Revenues	**19,954,245.49**	**1,833,468.23**	**18,000.00**	**248,487.42**	**123,864.20**	**62,353.59**	**22,240,418.93**
Expenditures:							
General Government	797,425.42	36,677.00					834,102.42
Protection of Persons & Property	1,301,322.01	80,225.77					1,381,547.78
Education	11,089,385.15	794,683.51					11,884,068.66
Public Works	938,496.04	569,226.72		213,540.50	237,625.33	162.00	1,959,050.59
Human Services	250,817.76	202,672.43	3,508.57			5,917.12	462,915.88
Culture & Recreation	349,821.04	220,981.98					570,803.02
Insurance & Unclassified	963,842.91						963,842.91
Debt & Interest	1,801,589.25			55,879.18			1,857,468.43
State Assessments	124,817.00						124,817.00
Prior Year Expenditures	829,274.47			34.00			829,308.47
Construction			2,497,664.70				2,497,664.70
Total Expenditures	**18,446,791.05**	**1,904,467.41**	**2,501,173.27**	**269,453.68**	**237,625.33**	**6,079.12**	**23,365,589.86**
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	**1,507,454.44**	**(70,999.18)**	**(2,483,173.27)**	**(20,966.26)**	**(113,761.13)**	**56,274.47**	**(1,125,170.93)**

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
Period Ended June 30, 1997

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Funds	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Operating Transfers In	176,096.16	26,645.83	2,529,175.00	74,227.92	1,679,850.00	500,377.70	4,986,372.61
Operating Transfers Out	2,108,048.00	39,516.99	1,502,400.00	0.00	795,000.00	540,500.00	4,985,484.99
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	**(1,931,951.84)**	**(12,871.16)**	**1,026,775.00**	**74,227.92**	**884,850.00**	**(40,122.30)**	**907.62**
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	**(424,497.40)**	**(83,870.34)**	**(1,456,398.27)**	**53,261.66**	**771,088.87**	**16,152.17**	**(1,124,263.31)**
Audit Adjustment	**(591.43)**					**61.51**	**(529.92)**
Fund Balance 7-1-96	**3,691,940.05**	**332,996.29**	**6,142,709.65**	**284,675.05**	**193,864.08**	**897,196.70**	**11,543,381.82**
Fund Balance 6-30-97	**3,266,851.22**	**249,125.95**	**4,686,311.38**	**337,936.71**	**964,952.95**	**913,410.38**	**10,418,588.59**

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 1997

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY98
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	$25.00		$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$19,229.00		$18,971.72	$257.28	
Town Administrator	$54,846.00		$54,566.01	$279.99	
Cable Access TV Operations	$5,000.00		$4,988.68	$11.32	
Finance Committee	$527.00		$252.32	$274.68	
Reserve Fund	$30,000.00	($23,141.42)	$0.00	$6,858.58	
Town Accountant	$149,924.00		$144,960.87	$4,963.13	
Computer Director	$60,690.00		$54,555.64	$6,134.36	
Assessors	$171,717.00	$2,500.00	$165,157.68	$9,059.32	$1,715.00
Treasurer/Collector	$155,955.00	$500.00	$150,491.34	$5,963.66	
Law Account	$77,731.00	$5,000.00	$78,054.95	$4,676.05	
Town Clerk	$52,373.00		$51,427.71	$945.29	
Codify Town by-laws	$10,000.00		$0.00	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Election & Registration	$16,925.00		$14,832.75	$2,092.25	
Conservation Commission	$29,398.00		$26,695.82	$2,702.18	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,586.85		$1,586.85	$0.00	
Planning Board	$19,928.00		$19,741.19	$186.81	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$3,300.00		$809.38	$2,490.62	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$200.00		$0.00	$200.00	
EDIC	$42,500.00		$6,313.06	$36,186.94	$34,000.00
Rail Trail Committee	$1,500.00		$825.38	$674.62	
Printing Town Report	$4,000.00		$3,169.07	$830.93	
	$907,354.85	($15,141.42)	$797,425.42	$94,788.01	$45,715.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
Police Department	$947,597.00		$880,270.11	$67,326.89	$30,240.00
Fire Department	$174,407.00		$163,642.53	$10,764.47	
Hydrant Service	$18,115.00		$17,514.40	$600.60	
Ambulance Service	$151,019.00	$150.00	$142,334.90	$8,834.10	
Inspection Services	$85,916.00		$82,039.42	$3,876.58	
Civil Defense	$770.00		$706.11	$63.89	
Dog Officer	$13,080.00	$2,081.42	$14,814.54	$346.88	
	$1,390,904.00	$2,231.42	$1,301,322.01	$91,813.41	$30,240.00
EDUCATION					
Town Schools	$11,247,293.16		$10,568,992.15	$678,301.01	$677,821.29
Regional School	$479,993.00		$479,993.00	$0.00	
Parcel C Purchase	$40,400.0		$40,400.00	$0.00	
High School Elevator	$125.000.00		$0.00	$125,000.00	$125,000.00
	$11,892,686.16	$0.00	$11,089,385.15	$803,301.01	$802,821.29

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY98
PUBLIC WORKS					
Personal Services	$332,066.00		$328,600.20	$3,465.80	
Professional Engineering	$10,500.00		$10,140.02	$359.98	
Construction Materials	$22,000.00		$21,929.56	$70.44	
Snow & Ice Control	$188,050.00		$187,095.09	$954.91	
Street Lighting	$30,500.00		$30,214.63	$285.37	
Road Machinery	$55,700.00		$55,699.89	$0.11	
Streets	$42,800.00		$37,440.42	$5,359.58	
Town Garage	$10,830.00		$10,749.96	$80.04	
Hired Services	$37,500.00		$37,196.00	$304.00	
Cemetery Department	$31,924.00		$31,731.19	$192.81	
Maintenance/Grounds	$147,852.00		$134,678.49	$13,173.51	$1,374.10
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$35,201.00		$35,117.91	$83.09	
Finnerty House	$3,200.00	$150.00	$2,717.54	$632.46	$600.00
Police Station	$8,350.00	$600.00	$8,887.37	$62.63	
Old Town Hall	$5,284.00		$4,567.19	$716.81	
own Common	$1,350.00		$1,230.58	$119.42	
own Clock	$500.00		$500.00	$0.00	
	$963,607.00	$750.00	$938,496.04	$25,860.96	$1,974.10
UMAN SERVICES					
oard of Health	$15,765.00	$7,000.00	$6,839.23	$15,925.77	$7,000.00
uabbin Health District	$64,087.50		$64,087.50	$0.00	
ouncil on Aging	$177,608.00		$156,684.45	$20,923.55	
eterans' Services	$33,645.00	$160.00	$23,206.58	$10,598.42	
	$291,105.50	$7,160.00	$250,817.76	$47,447.74	$7,000.00
ULTURE & RECREATION					
lapp Memorial Library	$182,499.00		$181,273.69	$1,225.31	
ecreation Department	$170,029.00		$168,169.85	$1,859.15	
istoric District	$348.00		$0.00	$348.00	
istorical Commission	$250.00		$250.00	$0.00	
atriotic Exercises	$300.00		$127.50	$172.50	
	$353,426.00	$0.00	$349,821.04	$3,604.96	$0.00
NSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED					
nclassified	$41,300.00		$39,885.30	$1,414.70	
ensions	$390,771.00		$390,271.00	$500.00	
surance	$555,737.00	$5,000.00	$462,112.86	$98,624.14	
npaid Bills-Prior Year	$756.00		$756.00	$0.00	
apital Expenditures	$178,399.00		$70,817.75	$107,581.25	$104,219.84
	$1,166,963.00	$5,000.00	$963,842.91	$208,120.09	$104,219.84

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbere to FY98
DEBT & INTEREST					
Maturing Debt	$1,099,720.00		$1,099,720.00	$0.00	
Interest	$723,762.00		$701,869.25	$21,892.75	
	$1,823,482.00	$0.00	$1,801,589.25	$21,892.75	$0.0
SUMMARY					
General Government	$907,354.85	($15,141.42)	$797,425.42	$94,788.01	$45,715.0
Protection of Persons/Property	$1,390,904.00	$2,231.42	$1,301,322.01	$91,813.41	$30,240.0
Education	$11,892,686.16	$0.00	$11,089,385.15	$803,301.01	$802,821.2
Public Works	$963,607.00	$750.00	$938,496.04	$25,860.96	$1,974.1
Human Services	$291,105.50	$7,160.00	$250,817.76	$47,447.74	$7,000.0
Culture & Recreation	$353,426.00	$0.00	$349,821.04	$3,604.96	$0.0
Insurance & Unclassified	$1,166,963.00	$5,000.00	$963,842.91	$208,120.09	$104,219.84
Debt & Interest	$1,823,482.00	$0.00	$1,801,589.25	$21,892.75	$0.0
	$18,789,528.51	$0.00	$17,492,699.58	$1,296,828.93	$991,970.23
Encumbered Funds	$940,126.07	($40,000.00)	$829,274.47	$70,851.60	$62,937.97
TOTALS	$19,729,654.58	($40,000.00)	$18,321,974.05	$1,367,680.53	$1,054.908.20
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
Fire Station Building Cmte.	$8,444.37		$0.00	$8,444.37	$8,444.37
Police Station Specs, Plans	$21,773.50		$21,773.50	$0.00	
School Chairlift	$40,000.00	($40,000.00)	$0.00	$0.00	
School Building Committee	$9,428.85		$57.38	$9,371.47	$9,371.47
Traffic Light Reconfiguration	$5,000.00		$0.00	$5,000.00	$5,000.00
Sr. Center Specs, Plans	$12,620.68		$12,620.68	$0.00	
Clean Lakes Grant	$10,000.00		$8,500.00	$1,500.00	
School Department	$608,034.57		$607,732.58	$301.99	
Public Works	$2,801.47		$2,001.47	$800.00	
Police Department	$1,120.00		$700.00	$420.00	
Recreation Department	$49.21		$49.21	$0.00	
Assessors	$8,250.00		$8,250.00	$0.00	
Interest	$7,180.30		$7,180.30	$0.00	
Board of Health	$112.41		$112.41	$0.00	
Capital Expenditures	$160,910.71		$120,788.58	$40,122.13	$40,122.13
EDIC	$44,400.00		$39,508.36	$4,891.64	
	$940,126.07	($40,000.00)	$829,274.47	$70,851.60	$62,937.97

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 1997

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/96	Paind in FY1997	Outstanding 6/30/97	Due in FY1998
ita Lane Water Line	1983	5.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00
ay Road Water Loan	1984	5.00	640.00	320.00	320.00	320.00
aigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	557,000.00	31,000.00	526,000.00	31,000.00
. Hannum Sewer Loan	1992	6.40	88,000.00	45,000.00	43,000.00	43,000.00
VPAT Sewer	1995	0	80,124.03	11,130.03	68,994.00	9,172.00
iddle School Loan	1992	4.55	3,725,000.00	525,000.00	3,200,000.00	500,000.00
lementary School Loan	1996	4.87	9,926,000.00	421,000.00	9,505,000.00	440,000.00
ombined Maint. Loan	1993	4.25	135,000.00	45,000.00	90,000.00	45,000.00
quipment Loan	1996	4.80	299,179.00	75,000.00	224,179.00	75,000.00
			14,813,343.03	1,155,850.03	13,657,493.00	1,143,492.00

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 1997

	Balance 7/1/96	Additions	Balance 6/30/97
Poor Funds:			
Susan M.D. Bridgman	5,150.00		5,150.00
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,360.51	105.00	10,465.51
Pension Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	80,637.14	1,400.00	82,037.14
Susan M.D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	133,247.65	1,505.00	134,752.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 1997

	Balance 7/1/96	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred Out	Audit Adjustment	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/97
Poor Funds:									
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$53,494.97		$12,883.23	$5,892.12		$207.00		$60,693.08	$60,693.08
Whiting Street	$32,450.25		$1,687.46					$34,137.71	$34,137.71
School Funds:									
George W. Longley Music	$2,513.20		$195.10					$2,708.30	$2,708.30
Calvin Bridgman High School	$7,209.41		$531.65			$146.51		$7,887.57	$7,887.57
Library Fund:									
Calvin Bridgman Library	$4,286.83		$398.54			($146.51)		$4,538.86	$4,538.86
Town Clock Fund:									
Frank Scialla Memorial	$2,037.42		$178.91					$2,216.33	$2,216.33
Senior Center Fund:									
Senior Center Memorial	$319.64		$467.03					$786.67	$786.67
Cemetery Funds									
Perpetual Care	$4,492.13		$4,774.64	$162.00		$59.70		$9,164.47	$9,164.47
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,038.67		$44.41			($205.19)		$877.89	$877.89
Nellie E. Brown	$3,387.37		$189.10	$25.00				$3,551.47	$3,551.47
Willard Stebbins	$3,834.58		$380.65					$4,215.23	$4,215.23
Vianna E. Somes	$1,539.73		$79.48					$1,619.21	$1,619.21
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00	$377.70					$377.70		$377.70
Pension Fund	$7,804.08		$964.96					$8,769.04	$8,769.04
Conservation Fund	$12,953.64		$571.10					$13,524.74	$13,524.74
Stabilization Fund	$759,834.78	$500,000.00	$39,007.33		$540,500.00		$470,000.00	$288,342.11	$758,342.11
	$897,196.70	$500,377.70	$62,353.59	$6,079.12	$540,500.00	$61.51	$470,377.70	$443,032.68	$913,410.38

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Amortization Schedule
June 30, 1997

	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	1,143,492.00	652,147.19	1,795,639.19
1999	1,110,391.00	595,361.93	1,705,752.93
2000	1,079,794.00	539,346.98	1,619,140.98
2001	1,010,846.00	484,287.53	1,495,133.53
2002	1,036,081.00	429,874.57	1,465,955.57
2003	1,041,321.00	384,072.89	1,425,393.89
2004	1,061,568.00	336,717.22	1,398,285.22
2005	671,000.00	298,400.00	969,400.00
2006	436,000.00	268,600.00	704,600.00
2007	461,000.00	248,825.00	709,825.00
2008	481,000.00	227,495.00	708,495.00
2009	506,000.00	204,795.00	710,795.00
2010	536,000.00	180,445.00	716,445.00
2011	561,000.00	154,150.00	715,150.00
2012	591,000.00	126,100.00	717,100.00
2013	621,000.00	96,550.00	717,550.00
2014	655,000.00	65,500.00	720,500.00
2015	655,000.00	32,750.00	687,750.00
	13,657,493.00	**5,325,418.31**	**18,982,911.31**

Report of the Town Treasurer

July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

ash on hand 6/30/96	$11,584,363.76	Payments, as authorized	$26,154,053.27
eceipts 7/1/96-6/30/97	25,597,878.25	Cash on hand 6/30/97	11,028,189.24
	37,182,242.51		37,182,242.51

Interest income from Savings Deposits & Investments, but excluding Trust Funds, Special Accounts & Stabilization Account— 79,522.46

NO FUNDS WERE BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD 7/1/96-6/30/97 (FY 1997)

TRUST FUNDS & SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ccount	6/30/96	Deposits	Interest & Div.	Transfers & Withdrawals	6/30/97
lvin Bridgman (High School)	13,369.55	-	578.91	-	13,948.46
eorge Longley	4,505.65	-	195.10	-	4,700.75
san Bridgman (Cemetery)	1,028.66	-	44.41	-	1,073.07
hiting Street	42,433.44	-	1,837.45	-	44,270.89
illard Stebbins (Cemetery)	5,327.97	-	230.66	-	5,558.63
lvin Bridgman (Library)	8,116.70	-	351.28	-	8,467.98
san M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	56,059.63	-	12,883.23	5,638.86	63,304.00
anna Somes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	1,837.90	-	79.48	-	1,917.38
llie Brown (Mt. Hope Cem.)	4,378.94	-	189.10	25.00	4,543.04
rpetual Care (MMDT Cem.)	78,009.39	-	4,228.02	-	82,237.41
rpetual Care (Reg. Cem.)	11,825.76	1,500.00	546.62	-	13,872.38
ank Scialla Memorial Fund	4,133.35	-	178.91	-	4,312.26
nservation	13,343.60	500.00	571.10	500.00	13,914.70
abilization Fund (MMDT)	759,834.78	500,000.00	39,010.33	1,010,500.00	288,345.11
nsion Reserve	17,804.08	-	964.96	-	18,769.04
nior Center Trust	10,715.89	105.00	467.03	-	11,287.92
	1,032,725.29	**502,105.00**	**62,356.59**	**1,016,663.86**	**580,523.02**

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Treasurer

Town and Tax Collector

July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Fiscal 1975 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		356.40
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	356.40	
	356.40	356.40

Fiscal 1976 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		234.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	234.60	
	234.60	234.60

Fiscal 1979 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		891.48
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	891.48	
	891.48	891.48

Fiscal 1980 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		957.60
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	957.60	
	957.60	957.60

Fiscal 1981 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		814.80
To Tax Title	22.40	
Outstanding 6/30/97	792.40	
	814.80	814.80

Fiscal 1982 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		1,206.15
To Tax Title	43.01	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,163.14	
	1,206.15	1,206.15

Fiscal 1983 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		44.09
To Tax Title	44.09	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	44.09	44.09

Fiscal 1984 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		117.72
Total Tax Title	45.13	
Outstanding 6/30/97	72.59	
	117.72	117.72

Fiscal 1985 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		135.95
To Tax Title	146.95	
To Be Refunded	-11.00	
	135.95	135.95

Fiscal 1986 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		265.40
To Tax Title	265.40	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	265.40	265.40

Fiscal 1987 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		270.50
To Tax Title	266.11	
Outstanding 6/30/97	4.39	
	270.50	270.50

Fiscal 1988 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,244.76
To Tax Title	658.32	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,586.44	
	2,244.76	2,244.76

Fiscal 1989 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		3,165.10
To Tax Title	690.69	
Outstanding 6/30/97	2,474.41	
	3,165.10	3,165.10

Fiscal 1990 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		1,024.65
To Tax Title	772.36	
Outstanding 6/30/97	252.29	
	1,024.65	1,024.65

Fiscal 1991 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,202.91
To Tax Title	1,014.95	
Collected	212.07	
Outstanding 6/30/97	975.89	
	2,202.91	2,202.91

Fiscal 1992 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,637.32
To Tax Title	1,049.40	
Collected	1,019.34	
Outstanding 6/30/97	568.58	
	2,637.32	2,637.32

Fiscal 1993 Real Estate Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		14,732.83
To Tax Title	1,406.69	
Collected	12,198.31	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,127.83	
	14,732.83	14,732.83

Fiscal 1994 Real Estate Tax

utstanding 6/30/96		109,843.01
efunded		153.81
o Tax Title	14,477.32	
eferred Tax	908.46	
ollected	85,423.10	
utstanding 6/30/97	9,187.94	
	109,996.82	109,996.82

Fiscal 1995 Real Estate Tax

utstanding 6/30/96		261,409.64
efunded		76.40
o Tax Title	18,840.23	
eferred Tax	942.43	
ollected	147,828.66	
utstanding 6/30/97	93,874.72	
	261,486.04	261,486.04

Fiscal 1996 Real Estate Tax

utstanding 6/30/96		805,198.21
efunded		5,697.98
udit Adjustment	233,389.32	
o Tax Title	140,103.79	
bated	5,429.93	
ollected	242,147.05	
utstanding 6/30/97	189,826.10	
	810,896.19	810,896.19

Fiscal 1997 Real Estate Tax

ut standing 6/30/96		4,326,109.46
ommitted For Coll.		4,812,154.08
efunded		38,995.85
bated	58,491.17	
ollected	8,604,117.34	
utstanding 6/30/97	514,650.88	
	9,177,259.39	9,177,259.39

Fiscal 1998 Real Estate Tax

ommitted For Coll.		4,644,119.29
efunded		145.93
ollected	18,302.04	
utstanding 6/30/97	4,625,963.18	
	4,644,265.22	4,644,265.22

Fiscal 1983 Personal Property Tax

utstanding 6/30/96		286.56
bated	286.56	
utstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	286.56	286.56

Fiscal 1984 Personal Property Tax

utstanding 6/30/96		330.10
bated	330.10	
utstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	330.10	330.10

Fiscal 1985 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		211.88
Abated	179.81	
Outstanding 6/30/97	32.07	
	211.88	211.88

Fiscal 1986 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding, 6/30/96		270.38
Abated	182.54	
Collected	50.46	
Outstanding 6/30/97	37.38	
	270.38	270.38

Fiscal 1987 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		346.69
Collected	29.98	
Outstanding 6/30/97	316.71	
	346.69	346.69

Fiscal 1988 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		359.93
Collected	31.29	
Outstanding 6/30/97	328.64	
	359.93	359.93

Fiscal 1989 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		491.55
Collected	32.83	
Outstanding 6/30/97	458.72	
	491.55	491.55

Fiscal 1990 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,790.49
Collected	30.73	
Outstanding 6/30/97	2,759.76	
	2,790.49	2,790.49

Fiscal 1991 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		3,172.83
Collected	1,531.98	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,640.85	
	3,172.83	3,172.83

Fiscal 1992 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		3,367.52
Collected	960.04	
Outstanding 6/30/97	2,407.48	
	3,367.52	3,367.52

Fiscal 1993 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		5,234.15
Collected	1,235.79	
Outstanding 6/30/97	3,998.36	
	5,234.15	5,234.15

Fiscal 1994 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		10,208.36
Refunded		55.09
Collected	1,839.69	
Outstanding 6/30/97	8,423.76	
	10,263.45	10,263.45

Fiscal 1995 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		29,475.28
Collected	14,913.67	
Abated	25.98	
Outstanding 6/30/97	14,535.63	
	29,475.28	29,475.28

Fiscal 1996 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		17,186.27
Refunded		2.18
Collected	3,190.12	
Outstanding 6/30/97	13,998.33	
	17,188.45	17,188.45

Fiscal 1997 Personal Property Tax

Outstanding 6/30/96		117,125.87
Committed For Coll.		97,828.87
Refunded		1,216.56
Abated	602.86	
Collected	203,194.89	
Outstanding 6/30/97	12,373.55	
	216,171.30	216,171.30

Fiscal 1998 Personal Property Tax

Committed For Coll.		104,024.26
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	104,024.26	
	104,024.26	104,024.26

1983 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,955.35
Collected	141.88	
Outstanding 6/30/97	2,813.47	
	2,955.35	2,955.35

1984 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		3,270.09
Collected	92.21	
Outstanding 6/30/97	3,177.88	
	3,270.09	3,270.09

1985 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		4,022.49
Collected	22.93	
Outstanding 6/30/97	3,999.56	
	4,022.49	4,022.49

1986 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		3,723.90
Collected	26.03	
Outstanding 6/30/97	3,697.87	
	3,723.90	3,723.90

1987 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		8,242.48
Committed For Coll.		27.08
Abated	41.46	
Collected	80.32	
Outstanding 6/30/97	8,147.78	
	8,269.56	8,269.56

1988 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		9,192.65
Abated	8.75	
Collected	340.41	
Outstanding 6/30/97	8,843.49	
	9,192.65	9,192.65

1989 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		10,427.40
Committed For Coll.		12.50
Collected	241.25	
Outstanding 6/30/97	10,198.65	
	10,439.90	10,439.90

1990 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		10,497.45
Collected	690.93	
Outstanding 6/30/97	9,806.52	
	10,497.45	10,497.45

1991 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		8,888.56
Collected	494.58	
Outstanding 6/30/97	8,393.98	
	8,888.56	8,888.56

1992 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		9,106.35
Collected	569.37	
Outstanding 6/30/97	8,536.98	
	9,106.35	9,106.35

1993 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		8,675.08
Refunded		18.75
Abated	18.75	
Collected	1,290.10	
Outstanding 6/30/97	7,384.98	
	8,693.83	8,693.83

1994 Motor Vehicle Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		14,703.10
ommitted For Coll.		92.50
efunded		200.00
bated	186.25	
ollected	4,682.41	
utstanding 6/30/97	10,126.94	
	14,995.60	14,995.60

1995 Motor Vehicle Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		25,944.86
ommitted For Coll.		3,865.71
efunded		246.28
bated	714.70	
ollected	16,440.06	
utstanding 6/30/97	12,902.09	
	30,056.85	30,056.85

1996 Motor Vehicle Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		163,362.06
ommitted For Coll.		107,903.32
efunded		6,721.77
bated	13,889.30	
ollected	236,983.25	
utstanding 6/30/97	27,114.60	
	277,987.15	277,987.15

1997 Motor Vehicle Excise

ommitted For Coll		651,675.36
efunded		1,440.69
bated	13,263.09	
ollected	480,375.11	
utstanding 6/30/97	159,477.85	
	653,116.05	653,116.05

1983 Farm Animal Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		107.50
ollected	0.00	
utstanding 6/30/97	107.50	
	107.50	107.50

1984 Farm Animal Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		148.50
ollected	0.00	
utstanding 6/30/97	148.50	
	148.50	148.50

1985 Farm Animal Excise

utstanding 6/30/96		115.50
ollected	0 00	
utstanding 6/30/97	115.50	
	115.50	115.50

1986 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1987 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		59.00
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	59.00	
	59.00	59.00

1988 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		345.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	345.50	
	345.50	345.50

1989 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		174.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	174.50	
	174.50	174.50

1990 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		411.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	411.50	
	411.50	411.50

1991 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		448.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	448.50	
	448.50	448.50

1992 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		292.50
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	292.50	
	292.50	292.50

1993 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		1,278.38
Collected	0.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,278.38	
	1,278.38	1,278.38

1994 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,303.70
Refunded		69.25
Abated	69.25	
Collected	1,036.98	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,266.72	
	2,372.95	2,372.95

1995 Farm Animal Excise

Outstanding 6/30/96		2,117.88
Collected	1,234.63	
Outstanding 6/30/97	883.25	
	2,117.88	2,117.88

Fiscal 1994, Sewer Liens

Outstanding, 6/30/96		709.95
Collected	709.95	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	709.95	709.95

Fiscal 1995 Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/96		1,943.67
Collected	1,328.95	
Outstanding 6/30/97	614.72	
	1,943.67	1,943.67

Fiscal 1996, Sewer Liens

Outstanding 6/30/96		14,203.53
Refunded		50.08
To Tax Title	5,502.25	
Collected	7,649.77	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,101.59	
	14,253.61	14,253.61

1995 Sewer Charges (Subs. 1997 Sewer Liens)

Outstanding 6/30/96		24,606.45
Committed Interest/Fees		1,538.44
Abated	322.52	
Collected	22,563.75	
Outstanding 6/30/97	3,258.62	
	26,144.89	26,144.89

1996 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 6/30/96		31,511.14
Committed For Coll.		157,693.46
Refunded		133.22
Abated	415.20	
Collected	172,435.27	
Outstanding 6/30/97	16,487.35	
	189,337.82	189,337.82

1997 Sewer Charges

Committed For Coll.		58,108.99
Collected	30,512.95	
Outstanding 6/30/97	27,596.04	
	58,108.99	58,108.99

1995 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/96		78.20
Collected	78.20	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	78.20	78.20

1996 Bay Road Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/96		74.8
Collected	74.80	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	74.80	74.8

1997 Bay Road Betterment

Committed For Coll.		428.4
Collected	428.40	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	428.40	428.4

1996 Daigle Well Betterment

Outstanding 6/30/96		15,470.9
Audit Adjustment	4,479.75	
To Tax Title	7,420.37	
Collected	1,872.31	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,698.50	
	15,470.93	15,470.9

1997 Daigle Well Betterment

Committed For Coll.		44,365.2
Abated	98.02	
Collected	39,506.22	
Outstanding 6/30/97	4,760.99	
	44,365.23	44,365.2

Betterments, Paid In Advance

Outstanding 6/30/96		5,155.1
Committed For Coll.		13,875.4
Collected	17,120.20	
Outstanding 6/30/97	1,910.34	
	19,030.54	19,030.5

Misc. Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/96		98,199.8
Committed For Coll.		24,192.2
Collected	23,632.16	
Outstanding 6/30/97	98,759.87	
	122,392.03	122,392.0

Misc. Sewer Accounts Receivable

Committed For Coll.		14,000.0
Collected	14,000.00	
Outstanding 6/30/97	0.00	
	4,000.00	14,000. 0

Ambulance Accts. Receivable

Outstanding 6/30/96		42,350.6
Committed For Coll.		185,648.2
Refunded		468.5
Abated	36,407.38	
Collected	140,497.42	
Outstanding 6/30/97	51,562.60	
	228,467.40	228,467.4

Total Collections July 1, 1996-June 30, 1997

Taxes, Liens, Excises	10,400,944.76
Miscellaneous Accounts	154,497.42
Interest & Fees on Taxes and Excises	146,824.75
	10,702,266.93
Quarterly Reconciliations & Turnovers	10,547,769.51
Miscellaneous Accounts	154,497.42
	10,702,266.93

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Barnett,
Town and Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK REPORT

STATISTICS

1996 VITAL STATISTICS RECEIVED AFTER FILING OF LAST YEAR'S REPORT

BIRTHS

LACE	MALES	FEMALES
elchertown	1	0
orthampton	1	2
pringfield	3	3
are	1	0
ittsfield	1	0
reenfield	0	1
eoul, Korea	1	0
	8	6

No additional marriages

DEATHS

MALE	FEMALE
1	1

esidents of Belchertown	2
on residents	0
	2

PLACE OF DEATH	NO.
Ware	1
Springfield	1

1997 BIRTHS

PLACE	MALES	FEMALES
Holyoke	7	3
Ware	3	8
Springfield	52	36
Northampton	17	24
Winchester	1	0
Gardner	1	0
Southbridge	1	0
Greenfield	1	0
	83	71

MARRIAGES

	MALES	FEMALES
Resident	48	50
Non resident	16	14
	64	64

Married in Belchertown:	34
Married Out-of Town:	30

DEATHS

MALES -29 FEMALES 41 = 70

Residents of Belchertown	69
Non residents	1
	70

PLACE OF DEATH	NO.
Belchertown	25
Palmer	3
Hadley	4
Ludlow	1
Wilbraham	3
Ware	8
Amherst	5
Chicopee	2
Westfield	1
Northampton	5
Springfield	9
Holyoke	3
Hampden	1
	70

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	ITEMS
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$11,287.85	867
Sporting Administrative Fees	336.00	(included in above)
Dog Licenses (Gross)	10,241.00	1,508
B-M-D Certified Copies	2,800.00	560
B-M-D Certified Abstracts	108.00	27
Marriage Intentions	630.00	63
UCC & Terminations	2,009.00	280
Pole Orders	240.00	6
Sale of Zoning Bylaws & Subdivision Regulations	715.00	29
Planning Board Fees	4,575.00	67
Board of Appeals Fees	1,200.00	12
Fuel & Gas Registrations	32.50	13
Business Registrations	755.00	77
Raffle Permits	80.00	8
Sale of Street Lists	290.00	18
Voter I.D. Cards	50.00	10
Homestead Filings	80.00	8
Parking Citations/Fines	290.00	14
Historic District Filings	25.00	1
Burial Permits	375.00	25
Dog Fines/Fees	635.00	55
Misc. Sales	181.86	65
	$36,936.21	3713

PAYMENTS TO:

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife	$11,104.3
Town of Belchertown	25,831.8
	$36,936.2

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 1997 nnual Report to the Board of Selectman.

In 1997, both the Assessor's Office and Board of Assesors experienced Personnel changes. Neil McCann was appointed o the Board of Assessors in the wake of David Kiernan's resigation, and John G. Whelihan was appointed to the position of ssistant Assessor.

Because of sound fiscal management practices, elchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. mportant figures in establishing the FY97 Budget included:

otal Taxable Value	$546,346,500
own Meeting Appropriations	$21,837,914
stimated Receipts/Revenue sources	$12,881,237
ax Levy	$9,375,305
evy Limit	$9,377,446
lew Growth	$241,751
Y97 Tax Rate	$17.16

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatements along ith exemption applications for qualifying veterans, elderly and lind property owners. In continuing with the modernization of ne office, new personal computers were installed.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors along with the enre Assessing staff remain committed to providing the citizens f Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate nformation.

Board of Assessors

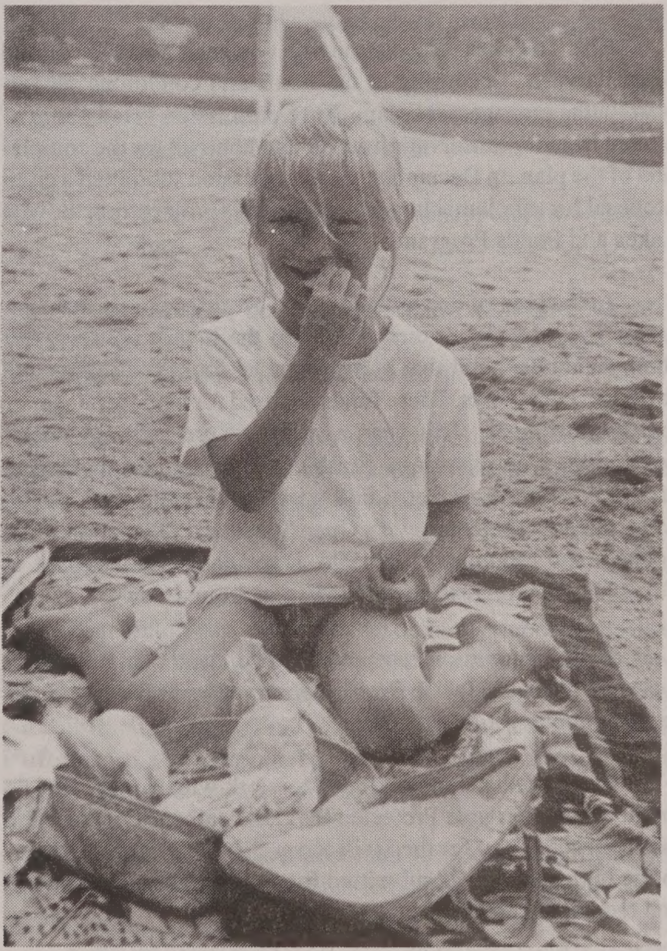
Michael Forgue, Chairman
Janise Fitzpatrick, Vice-Chairman
Neil McCann, Clerk

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals received thirteen applications in 1997. Of the thirteen applications for Variances and Special Permits eleven were granted and two Special Permits were denied. The applications ranged from an airstrip to a video arcade. No applications were carried forward to 1998.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michael Roncolato, Chairman
Stephen Wurmbrand, Clerk
Scott Surner
Associate members:
Sandra Webb
Walter Combs Jr.
Walter Henry Jr.



Summertime Fun at the Town Beach (Lake Arcadia)

Conservation Commission

The Commission held seventy permit hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; twenty-five of these were Notices of Intent, forty-three were Requests for Determination and two were amendments to Notices. Twelve enforcement issues were pursued and one Emergency Certificate was issued. The Rivers Protection Act, passed in 1996, added a new area of jurisdiction, the "riverfront area" to the Wetlands Protection Act, and new DEP stormwater management guidelines created additional permitting considerations.

The Commission worked with the Tri-lakes Association to address continuing nuisance vegetation on Lakes Metacomet and Arcadia. The two groups agreed to complete a management plan that would consider the multiple values of the lakes and set forth annual and long range management strategies to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed upon goals.

The Tri-lakes Association will use their newly acquired weed harvester according to the terms and conditions set forward in the management plan. The Commission voted a sum of money from its conservation account to contract for the completion of the plan. In December, the Commission submitted a grant proposal for supplementary funding for this project from the MA Lakes and Ponds Program.

In the area of conservation land acquisition and management, Town Meeting voted $1,000 to the town's conservation fund, an annual habit that was suspended for several years due to budget constraints. These funds are used for land maintenance and improvement. This year, a volunteer crew from Amherst assisted the Commission to finish construction of a footbridge on the Wentworth property, and upgrade the Cold Spring conservation area. Belchertown's Open Space and Recreation Map, updated and republished in 1996, is available for purchase at Town Hall and recreation outlets in and around Town.

The Commission received a gift of land. This parcel is located adjacent to Jabish Brook Conservation Area and is dedicated to conservation purposes.

The Commission continued to work with Town officials on identifying eligible Protected Parkland parcels to replace the parkland converted for the Swift River School. A piece adjacent to the high school was submitted for consideration by the state and federal agencies.

The Commission reviewed all septic system installation permits, forest cutting plans, ANR's, gravel permits, site plan review permits, subdivision applications, and Chapter 61 and 61A withdrawal requests.

The Commission negotiated a Consent Order with Sunrise Properties for the completion and remediation of Sheffield Estates. Joseph Babineau represented the Commission on the Land Use Subcommittee and Paul Eurkus worked with Town officials on procedures to remove the dangerous smokestack in South Belchertown. The Commission was represented on the regional Kestrel Trust by former Commissioner Alice Kuc, and also worked with the Valley Land Trust to identify lands of conservation interest.

In the fall, Conservation Administrator Nancy Putnam left to take a position at the Western regional office of DEP. Former Associate Commissioner and Commission clerical assistant LeeAnne Connolly was hired to fill the position, and Pat Kennedy was chosen for the clerical position.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Ruhf, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Robert Stover, Clerk
Joseph Babineau
Jennie Greene
Hubert Greene
Paul Eurkus, Associate Member
LeeAnne Connolly, Associate Member
David Kopacz, Associate Member

Planning Board

As Belchertown's growth steadily continues, the responibilities of the Planning Board become more complex. There is balance that must be sought between private property rights nd the public good. There is the energy of market demand forcng growth, but there is resistance to change. People want to use heir property as they choose, but they do not want to be affected y how other people use other property. There are more land ivisions to review, more development projects to monitor and nore community needs to coordinate. New technology brings nore issues for the Planning Board to consider, and there are nore demands for municipal services. Belchertown further has special situation with the former state school campus to be edeveloped.

With all this and more happening. The Planning Board ook two substantial actions to begin managing the town's growth nd coordinate the town's development.

One step taken was to hire a Town Planner. Doug Albertson vas hired in August to oversee the Planning Office and to assist he Planning Board in development review, legal and procedural nterpretation, research, and to establish the town's planning proram. The Town Planner coordinates planning with other town ffices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, residents, and usinesses.

The other step taken by the Planning Board was to estabish a Land Use Subcommittee. This working group includes epresentatives from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Apeals, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and Conservation Commission. The purpose of the Land Use Subommittee is to research alternative development patterns and dentify methods to help direct growth in the area around the own center and state school. This effort is being done with reearch and technical assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planing Commission.

Other tasks taken on by the Planning Office through the ear include initiating a UMass internship to design recreation ields with the Recreation Department, and becoming the lead lepartment in implementing the town's geographic information ystem, or GIS. A GIS is a computer-based system of storing, rocessing and analyzing information that occurs over the town's rea. Such information includes such things as real estate parels, streets, wetlands, utilities, fire hydrants, soil types, and much nore. Some of what it can be used for are school bus routes, raffic analysis, building site evaluation, land use planning and lemographic studies. As most activities have a geographic base, his system will serve every department.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and holding public hearings. The Planning Board oversees requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law, common drive developments, subdivisions, frontage lot, or "Approval Not Required", plans, and open space community developments. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, and property owners, as well as the general public.

Zoning by-law changes the Planning Board supported in 1997 included the following:

- The addition of a section governing wireless communications facilities;
- The transfer of special permit granting authority for earth removal to the Planning Board;
- The addition of Public Rental Self-Storage Units as a defined business use; and
- A change to the restriction on temporary promotional signs.

There was one zone change made, that on Chauncey Walker Street from Ag-A, Agricultural, to MDR, Multiple Dwelling Residential and B-2, General Business.

The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions.

Development Activity

Four preliminary plans and two definitive subdivision plans were submitted during 1997, amounting to twenty-six building lots. The Planning Board also monitored nine subdivisions under construction during 1997. Two subdivisions were completed. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were also processed.

The Planning Board endorsed forty-two Approval Not Required plans which resulted in fifty-three building lots.

Plans for two common drive developments were reviewed; and three site plans were reviewed.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

— James Hodgen, Chair and Single Signature (term expires: 2000);

— Elizabeth Chase, Vice Chair (term expires: 2002);

— Michael Beresky, Clerk and Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2001);

— Ronald Akins, Member (term expires: 1998);

— J. Arnold Voehringer, Member (term expires: 1999);

— Michael Henry, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits;

— James Natle, Associate Member.

Staff

Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.

Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

James D. Hodgen
Chair, Planning Board

Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC)
Annual Report

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) has had an exciting and productive year. he primary focus of the EDIC is to successfully redevelop the ormer State School property, known as the Belchertown Ecoomic Development Area (EDA). Among the activities of the ear were the following:

The EDIC contracted administrative support this year to assist in the Land Disposition

Agreement with the Commonwealth and in attracting interested developers.

A feasibility study for a senior community was conducted and it was determined that a community focused entirely on seniors was not financially feasible.

EDIC commissioned and completed a preliminary feasibility study for a mixed-use community. The community would target empty nesters and incorporate commercial and light industrial uses.

EDIC continued work with the Commonwealth in the land disposition agreement.

The completed appraisal was submitted to the Inspector General for review and was not approved

EDIC sent out a Request for Proposals for a Preferred Development Team in the redevelopment of the EDA. The Trust for Sustainable Development was selected as the Preferred Development Team and has begun the Master Planning process of the EDA

EDIC established an office base and is located at 1 Main Street.

The EDIC looks forward to what promises to be an exciting year as negotiations continue with the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Lanphear, Chairman
Arthur Fiorelli, vice Chairman
Steven McCafferty, Clerk
Robert Brinkman
Jay Rossi
Kirk Stephens

Hampshire County Commission

Your County Commission is composed of twenty-five members representing nineteen towns and one city based upon total county population as determined by the 1990 Federal Census. Representatives are elected from each municipality according to its population (as it relates to the total county population). Members are assigned to one or more of the various committees in order to facilitate the overseeing of county functions.

This has been, and still is, a year of redefining for Hampshire County. The Commissioners are putting a question on the ballot in the November election, that proposes a comprehensive amendment to our current Charter. When that question is passed by the voters, Hampshire County government will have a somewhat different look. Although the Sheriff and Register of Deeds will continue to be elected officials, the Commonwealth will operate and fund the Jail/House of Correction as well as operate and receive revenues from the Registry of Deeds. The Commonwealth will own the new Courthouse rather than being a tenant to us. Security and Maintenance staff will become state employees along with Corrections staff and Registry employees. We are fighting to retain ownership of the Historic Courthouse at 99 Main Street which was built with funds raised in Hampshire County, thus no state monies were used and it is debt free.

Our cooperative purchasing program, surplus equipment program, health insurance trust, the facility in Leeds, Hampshire Care (formerly the Long Term Care Facility) and our two parking lots (Merrick Lane and Gothic St) would remain under the ownership of the restructured body.

We are proud to tell you that Hampshire Care has received, in each of the past two years, a 100% no deficiency in the patient care report. This does seem like an awkward way for the Federal and State governments to announce that this facility and its employees, did everything perfectly!

We were delighted that funding was appropriated to build a county lockup facility near the Jail/House of Correction. The lockup is for the use by any of our twenty communities for pre-arraignment lockup. This should considerably reduce the need for extra shift officers to provide surveillance over persons in custody, as is presently the norm. It has taken many years —of talking, meetings, inviting community police officials to work together, seeking support from our legislative delegation — to reach this point. A committee has been named to oversee the process as we get ready for construction. This committee is made up of local public safety agencies, the Sheriffs department and the County Commissioners office. To all individuals who have worked so diligently on this, THANK YOU!

REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Our Building Inspector Program is growing. For those towns that have their own Certified Inspectors, when there is a conflict of interest for the local inspector, or when the local inspector has to be away from his/her duties, it is possible to use our Certified Inspector. Belchertown, during the transition between Building Inspectors, made use of this service. Five towns now belong full-time to the building inspector program.

This department continues to acquire government surplus equipment for our communities. After transport fees were paid to the county, items delivered to various town programs, have saved those towns $158,000.00. The Town of Belchertown has received equipment worth $4,655.00 with an acquisition fee of $690.00 under this program.

The director of this department has written and received for the county, grant monies for the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The focus of this committee is to plan an appropriate response, should we have a hazardous material spill. Hampshire has the only countywide program in the commonwealth to address this type of contingency. During the late Summer-early Fall, two student interns from UMass were hired to update each towns' emergency plans, making certain the information is accurate and current.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Your county has a Cooperative Purchasing Department. Belchertown has saved a total of $99,993.10 (Schools $84,638.40; Other $15,354.70). Associated fees amounted to $1,768.64. By participating in the program, schools, town offices, Highway, Police and Fire all benefit from purchasing items through this department. Transcending county lines, the director of cooperative purchasing, is reaching out to municipalities from across the commonwealth, for school furniture and library bids.

Looking into the future, we are planning to provide aggregation of electricity. While other groups are "courting" town facilities and some large businesses, we feel the answer in our area, would once again be cooperative purchasing. You will be asked at your Town Meeting to vote to join together to purchase electricity as a group; individuals, town facilities and businesses. We feel, with a group this broad, that we should be able to get very competitive prices on electricity.

We received grant monies to make the courthouse at 99 King Street more handicapped accessible. The public restroom is accessible through the entrance under the stairs at the corner of King and Main Streets.

As Commissioners we owe a debt of gratitude to our staff, enny Geis, Administrator; Lydia King, Administrative Asst.; nn Moran, Director of Purchasing; Geoff Rogers, Director of egional Services; John Lillis, Acting Treas. and Director of the nsurance Trust program and Dan McCarthy, Director of Bldgs. nd Grounds. Jan Wood, (Belchertown) Director of Human Ser- ices retired at the end of 1997. We value her contributions of e past. We are also saddened that we no longer have the funds vailable to grant to those agencies in need. We are indeed for- inate that Jan will, for a while, serve as consultant to us on a ery part-time basis. To all employees of the county, we appre- ate the way you help our communities.

As a Commission, we are continuing to work with the state agencies of Administration and Finance and with the Division of Capital Planning and Operations as well as our legislative delegation to insure the continuation and future of regional co-operation among our communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald R. LaPorte

Hampshire County Comm.
Serving Belchertown

Computing Department

The Computing Department is very excited about the progress it's made in the last year towards increasing town employee productivity via the use of computer technology. The Department has networked almost all of the Town Hall offices, enabling users to easily share files and back-up personal files. This network has enabled users of the town's "MUNIS" software primary town management software) to "telnet" into the software using our newer and much more reliable, fast Ethernet network. This also enables them to have multiple sessions going at the same time, so they can accomplish tasks in different areas of the software simultaneously! All systems have high capacity surge suppressors to protect against the notoriously lighting prone town power system.

We are determined to both reduce costs and increase efficiency via computer technology. A "level A" pricing contract with Microsoft Corporation has reduced the costs of their Office productivity software. We were able to save considerable printing costs by printing the street list on our new high capacity printer. We will see more and more savings as we rely less on outside printers for similar tasks. In addition, our plans include re-examining many of our procedures and practices to see how properly implemented technology can save time.

We are very excited about plans for a centralized training center. This will provide users with the skills they need to use the software tools they have to it's maximum potential. In addition, plans to acquire new Year 2000 compliant software for the Assessors Office, should provide both improved productivity and accuracy. Our town's web page (www.belchertown.org) has not been updated for lack of time, but we hope to improve it significantly in the near future. Any suggestions and requests are welcome.

The Computing Department has had an extremely busy year, but it has not been without its rewards. We thoroughly enjoy working with computers and assisting people in utilizing technology to accomplish their goals and needs in their jobs. We are looking forward to another fun and busy year!

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Moebius, Director
Computing Department

Police Department

The Department's primary emphasis in 1997 was to expand its community policing activities to improve delivery of police services and to begin construction of a new police facilty.

While encouraged at the beginning of the year that we would begin to refurbish the former Nursery #1 building at the former Belchertown State School for use as a much needed poice station, it was not to be. After negotiations with the state the and the building sits on as well as five other buildings on that parcel could not be obtained for a price the town felt was reasonable. After further negotiations and funding via town meetng approval, architects for the project found that building codes had changed and that it may be necessary to re-enforce the strucure at an additional cost. At the end of 1997 there has not been a determination that the project will continue. Meanwhile the department remains in a building that is totally inadequate for our needs.

Community policing efforts expanded through the year. Programs were initiated in neighborhoods, with schools and with he council on aging. A program for women, rape aggression defense, focuses on preventative techniques to avoid assault and imple retaliation strategies in case of physical attack. Plans were concluded in 1997 and this program will commence at the beginning of the new year. Sergeant Francis Fox and his wife Ellen will teach the initial class. Plans are to train more instrucors as interest appears to be high.

Sergeant William Zobka has worked through the year on various projects at the senior center. A public safety day was held in October where demonstrations were provided by the Belchertown police, fire and ambulance services. Sergeant Zobka meets with seniors on a regular basis relative to public safety ssues specific to them. Most recently the department and "Safe Roads" worked on a program that would increase seat belt use among elders.

The department began a speedwatch hotline which encouraged citizens to report speeding vehicles to the Belchertown citizens to report speeding vehicles to the Belchertown police department. Residents are asked to call the hotline with the time, date, location and plate number of speeding vehicles. All reports are confidential and will be investigated. The number to call is 323-0100.

Officer KevIn Pacunas received Drug Awareness Resisance Education, D.A.R.E., training and is working with middle school and high school students not only with D.A.R.E. curricuum but a program called Realistic Education About Changing Times, R.E.A.C.T., that joins police and students to work pro actively with issues such as teen drinking and driving.

Training received by officers of the department included C.P.R. and first responder re-certification. Several officers were re-certified in the use of infrared breath test equipment. Additional officers were trained as field training officers who evaluate new personnel or officers who require further training. Additional training by various department personnel encompasses bicycle patrol, drug recognition expert, crime scene processing, community policing - developing strategies for the future, oleorsein capsicum aerosol instructor and defensive tactics.

The department adopted updated policies and procedures and rules and regulations. A code of ethics was also adopted. Areas covered include high speed pursuit, use of force, sexual harassment, arrest, search and seizure and response to calls to name a few.

Generally our crime statistics have remained low and our town continues to be a safe place to live. Three hundred twenty one people were detained in 1997. Alcohol and drug related activity, domestic violence and crimes against property are the crime categories officers are dealing with most frequently.

Two hundred thirteen accidents were investigated a slight increase of the previous year's one hundred ninety two. Three thousand thirty three motor vehicle violations were issued in 1997 in an ongoing attempt to create safe streets and roads within our community.

Several activities would not have been possible without grant money. The Executive Office of Public Safety awarded our department with grants enabling us to operate our Community Services Unit, bicycle patrols and D.A.R.E. grants from the governemor's highway safety program allowed the department to place extra patrols aimed at drunk drivers on our roads during holidays throughout the year and a community block grant gave us the opportunity to address concerns of the public in specific areas with regard to vehicular offenses. Safe Roads of Hampshire County was instrumental with several programs that addressed seat belt use, speed and safety signs.

The Belchertown Police Department is grateful for the support it receives from the office of the district attorney, Massachusetts State Police Quabbin Station, all surrounding criminal justice agencies, local town departments and government, and most important our townspeople.

Robert A. Knight
Chief of Police

Fire Department

The Belchertown Fire Department has spent another busy year providing fire protection and expanding our services to the community. This could not be accomplished without the dedicated work from personnel, support from their families and the support from the community.

During the past year the number of alarms responded to was almost equal to the previous year. The biggest increase of any particular type of fire was structure fires, up 4%. Fortunately, only a few had considerable dollar losses. Most of them were of a less serious nature and were extinguished by the occupants and then investigated by this department.

The Training Coordinators held 48 three hour training sessions during the year consisting of live burns, vehicle extrications, water pumping evolutions and ice and water rescue techniques. The Massachusetts Fire Academy delivered a four hour Arson Awareness class at our station and a twelve hour water rescue class for us at our own town pool Six additional people started training in the Department's Auxiliary Training Program. The program will take almost two years to complete on a part-time basis.

The Department received a new "Rescue Alive" ice rescue sled for the town and spent many hours of extra training with it, working jointly with police and EMS. We are greatly appreciative of this important piece of equipment and the tremendous efforts by our local organizations, businesses and citizens that provided the donations to purchase it.

Fire Education Awareness was expanded this year. Members from the Department participated in classes at the Fire Academy on Instructor Methodology, to give the instructors a better understanding on how to deliver Fire Education information and materials to the students. This also allowed the Department to be eligible to apply for state funding. John Workman, Fire Prevention Officer, secured a $5,000 Student Fire Awareness Education Grant (S.A.F.E.) for FY99 from the state. This will help tremendously on the delivery of the programs with materials and props.

Once again, at this year's Fair, the Firefighters educated the children on the importance of an emergency call and the information that needs to be provided to a 911 operator.

On October 11th, the Board of Selectmen and the Fire Station Building Committee broke ground for the new Fire Station. The completion of the new facility should be in August of 1998. It is great that this project is now underway and will make our facility safer for all those that work and visit there.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock,
Fire Chief

Deputy Chief
Hugh K. Hubbard
James D. Hodgen

Captains
Bruce Officer
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants
Richard Knight
John Workman

Auxiliary Firefighters
Darryn Beaudry
Jeffrey Scott
David Auchter
Scott Rae
Donald Thayer
Mark Lavallee
Matthew Rivest
Steven Syriac
John Racine
Thomas Cooke
Matthew Gemme

Firefighters
David Gay
Max W. Bock
William Shattuck, Jr.
Erik Gay
Paul Tierney
Charles Beaver
William Chapman
Michael Samson
Edward L. Fuller
Gerard Gould
Roger McGinnis
Edward D. Fuller
Herbert Wood
Steven Williams
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Steven T. Hulmes
Robert Hodgen
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Thomas Majerowski
Leonard Boisjolie
Kevin Scott
Raymond Robinson
Ronald Beaver

Types of Responses 1997

Structure Fires	37
Chimney Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	21
Vehicle Extrications	2
Forest, Brush, Grass	26
In Service Response	10
Investigations	33
Alarm Sounding	67
Mutual Aid	2
Unpermitted Burning	7
C.O. Detectors	28
Total Responses	243

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	1520
Oil Burners	160
Propane Tanks	7
Smoke Detectors	233
Underground Tank Removals	6
Permits to maintain storage	3
Black Powder	1
Blasting	4

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The Belchertown EMS is an on-call ambulance service ith 12 EMTs that volunteer on the Department. The Departent has an Operations Manager, who holds 19 hours per week. ne Operations Manager maintains the EMTs schedule, payroll, well as the maintenance of the vehicles and ordering of supies, in compliance with the State's rules and regulations govning these vehicles.

This Department is a basic life support service, and is uipped with a semi-automatic defibrillator and epinephrine to injector pens. Advanced life support is provided by Holyoke ospital at the availability of their vehicle, and paramedic serces are provided by Amherst Fire Department. Response times e approximately 15-20 minutes, depending on the location of call. EMTs are on-call and when paged respond to the garage hich is located on Jabish Street. They then proceed to the desation.

The Belchertown EMS has had approximately 600 emerncy transports during 1997.

Service is provided by two vehicles; a 1996 Ford Modular used primarily and a 1985 Ford serves as a back-up vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Majerowski
EMS Operations Manager

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Fire Department in Fair Parade

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department has had quite a busy year in 1997 with many changes. The first of which was the end of a five-year relationship with David Holmes as Building Inspector,. Mr. Holmes is now serving the public as a State Building Inspector. We wish him every success.

Inspector Paul Tacey, Hampshire County Inspection Agency, kept the department going while applications were being considered for the position of Building Inspector. Not an easy task considering the office was undergoing renovations. These included the removal of the buffer counter, filing cabinets relocated and a new storage room created to allow more efficient access of information to the public as well as a more friendly environment. Renovations were completed by August as the new Building Inspector, Paul Adzima, began his position.

The most important addition to office procedure was the implementation of a computer. The Department Assistant, Robin Oey, was very busy logging all permit information for the last two years into the computer. The task was completed by the end of December, allowing the department to work at a more progressive level.

Another change to the department was the hours of operation. The department is no longer closed on Wednesday, and is now opened Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and closed 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch. Copies of the Inspector's office hours and inspection hours can be obtained at the office.

Paul Adzima wasted no time in hiring an Assistant Building Inspector by recommending Michael Henry be appointed to the position.

The Building Inspector continues to serve as Director of Inspection Services, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Chairman of the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee, Sealer of Weights and Measures and the E-911 Database Liaison. The Department still consists of two part-time Inspectors of Wiring, Doug Rae and Paul Choiniere and three part-time Inspectors of Plumbing and Gas Fittings, Owen Clifford, Chris Hubbard and Dave Fredenburgh, Jr.

1996 projects closed as The Wellness Center on Sargent Street was completed in March. Never a Town to be idle, the long awaited Belchertown Fire Department Complex received its building permit and broke ground October 14, 1997.

The ADA Committee met the first Tuesday of every other month, beginning in January. The Committee was successful in acquiring Braille signage throughout Town Hall and the installation of an elevator at the High School. The Committee will continue to address the purchase of an Infrared Listening Device before Fiscal 99. Ruthella Tucker was voted in as a member of the Committee in September.

While there have been many changes in the Inspection Services Department one thing remains constant: The goal to ensure the safety and well being to the inhabitants of Belchertown and to provide the best most efficient service possible. The Inspection Services Department looks forward to 1998 and the many opportunities it will present to fulfill this goal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Adzima
Director of Inspection Services

BUILDING PERMITS

Single Dwelling	80
Two Dwelling	0
Cnvrt to Multi Units	0
Multi-Dwelling Units	0
Business/Commercial	2
Public Buildings	0
Industrial	0
Mobile Homes	1
Add/Alter/Repairs	178
Shed/Barn/Garage	76
Deck	28
Wood/Stove/Chimney	24
Demolitions	7
Pools	28
Renewals/Signs	11
Mechanical Instal.	3
Other	16
Total Bldg. Permits	454
Weights & Measures	8
Cert. of Inspection	9
Home Occup Zoning Permits	38
Total Permits	**509**
Total Revenue	**54,865.00**

Electricla Permits	**416**
Total Revenue	17,248.00
Plumbing Permits	**227**
Total Revenue	10,095.00
Gas Permits	**99**
Total Revenue	5,100.00
Year End Total Permits	**1250**
Year End Total Revenue	**87,308.00**

Belchertown Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

For sixteen years I have been writing this same sentence or the Annual Report and it is still true, Belchertown Public chools are growing. Another growing statistic is the number of udents going on to further their education after high school. /hen I arrived in Belchertown in 1982, 46 percent went on to ost high school studies, today it is 85 percent. Not once during ie last sixteen years did this percentage decline. This is an out- anding tribute to our teachers and the public who gave them ie resources with which to work.

World Language now starts in the seventh grade. The high :hool has honor courses at all grade levels in most every sub- ct area. The only limit your child has in attending our schools the effort they wish to make. What follows is a summary of hat took place at each level.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS
GRADES K-2

The newly created Primary School Council spent most of s first year developing and creating a School Improvement Plan at addresses and reflects the unique needs of our younger stu- ents. Grades K, 1, and 2 support an enrollment of over 550 udents attending classes at Berkshire, Tadgell and Cold Spring chools. Many short and long term goals within the plan fo- used on promoting a "Home-School Partnership" in an effort involve families and foster a community of life long learners. mphasis was placed on cooperative learning, communication cills, team building, and collective problem solving.

A highly successful Intergenerational Program as well as pecial "Family Events" were extremely effective in allowing udents at the primary level various opportunities to share new ethodologies and ways of learning. Most of these innovative itiatives were sponsored by the Primary School Council whose embers include: Donna Skibel: Parent Representative & Co- hairperson, Janet Footit; Parent Representative, Eve Green; arent Representative, Susan Bennett; Staff Representative, larnie Henneman: Staff Representative, Cynthia Dzailo; Com- unity Representative, and Sandra Bremer; Principal & Co- hairperson.

The staff worked diligently throughout the school year stablishing and coordinating curricular objectives that corre- te with the Massachusetts Department of Education's Curricu- m Frameworks. As a result, more performance based assess- ent, thematic instruction, and interactive learning strategies are eing utilized. This helps our students to make "connections" nd facilitates the application of newly learned skills and knowl- dge.

Many of the newer programs such as Reading Recover, P.O.W., Guided Reading Instruction, Invention Convention, PALMS, and Family Festivals have been successfully implemented to meet the developmental needs of our young students. It is an admirable tribute to Mr. Byard for bringing such valuable programs and sound contributions to our schools. His distinctive leadership style, 16 years of dedicated service to the district, and genuine desire to provide quality education for the students of Belchertown, will always be long remembered and appreciated.

The primary level administration and staff look forward to working with the newly appointed Superintendent, Richard Pazasis, effective July 1, 1998. We are certain that our collaborative efforts, outstanding programs, and collective professional abilities will continue to provide our children stimulating learning experiences within the Belchertown Public School System.

SWIFT RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES 3-5

The community of staff and students of Swift River Elementary School have valued the first year experience in our new facility. We appreciate our increased potential to develop a high quality learning environment given advanced technology, a fine library, state of the art audio-visual equipment and dedicated rooms for art and music. We have developed a family style community based upon the values of MUTUAL RESPECT, RESPECT OF OUR SCHOOL, and RESPECT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.

The Elementary Building Committee has been in the process of completing the final building projects which include a new access road, a playscape recreational area for grades three to five, a playscape for pre-kindergarten, two modified soccer fields, a physical education field and two basketball courts. As the building project nears completion, the staff of Swift River Elementary School salutes the years of time and effort given by the members of the Elementary Building Committee led by Chairman Pauline Johnson.

Staff and students were engaged in the second year of our RECYCLING THEME funded this year, in part, with a Quest Alliance Grant which is a partnership of ten elementary schools in Western Massachusetts. Each of our grade levels is designing a plan to implement one recycling component and then will train the rest of the school in the procedures of their plan. Grade three is responsible for the recycling milk/juice cartons; grade four, the recycling of food waste; and grade five, the recycling of paper. Co-operating in the RECYCLING THEME project are the Center of Ecological Technology, (C.E.T.), a non-profit organization from Northampton, the Small Farms Institute of Belchertown, and the Belchertown D.P.W. The RECYCLING THEME will be incorporated into all areas of our curriculum in the next two years.

As the tenure of Superintendent Bob Byard comes to closure, the staff will always remember his strong leadership, especially in the difficult years when the economy was depressed and classroom space was short. He led the process to add two new schools to the district, managed to develop emergency classrooms to get us through until the new buildings were established, and presently is helping plan a new high school project. We will miss his ability to make hard decisions, his ability to find creative solutions, and his fine sense of humor.

CHESTNUT HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
GRADES 6-8

Chestnut Hill Community School was home to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in Belchertown for the 1997-1998 school year. This is the second year that these three grades have had the opportunity to be under one roof and continue the process of developing a model middle school. As the school in the middle, bridging the elementary to high school years, we develop student skills, challenge students to explore new courses, and help prepare them to make informed decisions for their future.

Highlights for 1997: Foreign Language instruction offered to 7th and 8th grade middle school students, while the 6th grade received an introductory seminar. Diversity Club raises $1,400.00 to support the Toy for Joy Fund. Social Studies curriculum realignment that makes World Geography a 7th grade subject and U.S. History an 8th grade program. Band and Chorus continue to expand and excel. In addition to concerts, marching in parades, exchange concerts, and district festivals, our 'Brass Quintet" was featured during the holidays on Channel 40 television.

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES 9-12

Belchertown High School continues to reflect the growth and improvement that the Town is undergoing. The high school is approaching the 600-student mark and has added the necessary staff and programs to meet the needs of students.

Work has begun on the accreditation process and the results should help chart the future direction of our students and staff.

Approximately 85% of the students graduating from BHS attend four and two year colleges. World Language enrollment has increased with students now choosing French, Latin or Spanish. The increasing number of students reflected in the high school population has resulted in the formation of the High School Building Committee.

Co-curricular activities have continued with their usual great success. The golf and baseball teams each won league championships. The girls tennis team won the school's first ever Western Massachusetts Championship. Community support and involvement continues to be a major goal and success for both the Humanities Club and Student Council.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

As of December 1, 1997, there were 347 special needs students in the Belchertown Public School System. The vast majority of these students were serviced through programs provided within the district. These in-district programs include resource rooms at each level: primary, elementary, middle school and high school. In addition to the six resource rooms, there is a Learning Skills Program at Belchertown High School, three Early Childhood Programs at Swift River Elementary School and an Early Childhood Language Program, also located at Swift River Elementary School. These programs, plus our therapeutic programs, service special needs students between the ages of 3-22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include Speech/language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Adaptive Physical Education. With the assistance of our Integration Facilitator, several students who otherwise would be placed in out-of- district placements are currently being educated in their local schools with support services.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality special education programs provided to the students of Belchertown are made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

Enjoying the new Pedal Boats at the Town Beach
(Lake Arcadia)

Pathfinder Regional Vocational/Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. All incumbent members of the committee continued to serve throughout the year with the exception of student member Randy Pelletier who graduated in June. He was succeeded by Robert Thayer for the 1997-98 school year.

The School Council continued to be an active and important component of the school, providing direction and advice on a number of school-wide issues. This year the Council elected to focus its attention on the development of school spirit, including parent involvement, staff and student morale, and school-wide events. The annual School Improvement Plan was submitted to the School Committee and approved without modification. The 1997-98 Council welcomed new parent members Susan Haley and Anthony Ricchiazzi as well as Judith Mercier from the staff. Representatives from the student body included Melissa Douty, Melissa Milne and Nathan Zajac.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year:

- Pathfinder continued to be in full compliance with the Time and Learning Regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education for 1996-97.
- The new program in Health Occupations was successfully implemented and included students in the 9th and 10th grades.
- The Curriculum Committee oversaw the development and revision of curriculum in 9th grade English, Accounting II, and Small Business Management and guided the implementation of computer lab work in each of these areas.
- Revision and updates occurred in Health and Physical Education, the AutocaD component of the Drafting Program, and the CAMM Computer Aided machining component of the Manufacturing Technology Program.
- During the summer, staff members reviewed the current Language Arts and Math/Science curricula in order to better align our offerings with the state curriculum frameworks.

TECHNOLOGY

Pathfinder's Technology Plan was developed, submitted, and approved, resulting in a grant of $19,000. Several upgrades and improvements were made during the year, including the installation of Pentium multimedia terminals, color printer, and file server in the business lab; the implementation of a Manufacturing Technology CNC/CAM computer lab; new Pentium workstations and AutocaD 13 software for the Drafting Program; five Pentium workstations with software bundles in the Computer Applications Lab; and eight new Pentium workstations and software in the Data Processing Program. In addition, six new terminals, including printers and software, were provided to various support staff.

Major advances were also made in Internet accessibility within the building. Currently four labs, the library, and the business office have that access. A fiberoptic backbone was installed, creating a structure which connects all the labs within the building and enables them to share resources. This plan will be expanded to classrooms as funding and time allow. The school currently has 84 terminals with Internet access for student and staff use with more being connected daily; The use of a proxy server has all but eliminated the ability of students to access inappropriate sites.

Outside activities and off-campus projects continued to comprise a major portion of the curriculum for upper-class students. Working for a private party in the Lake Thompson area of Palmer, the carpentry, electrical, horticulture, and HVAC students completed the eighteenth house building program in the school's history. In the fall of 1997, Pathfinder again entered into partnership with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce to construct a house, the proceeds of which will go to strengthen the Chamber's fiscal position. Located in Belchertown, the project will introduce the students to basic modular unit construction and vinyl siding installation.

Several Pathfinder programs continued to provide valuable services to our member communities as well as to individual citizens within the District. Notable among these projects were renovations to the Palmer Fire Department/Water District offices and the addition to the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association offices. Such projects are excellent learning experiences for the students as well as significant cost saving measures for the towns.

The Cooperative Education and Placement Program enrolled 22 students from 8 shops. A majority of the 1996-97 program employers using junior students retained them throughout the summer and into the new school year. Several students from the horticulture program secured positions in landscaping firms and at an area college. The design/manufacturing technologies field, the food service industry, and the HVAC field continue to experience the need for additional students. Finally, the program director reports a high degree of success in filling part-time positions in carpentry, food service, automotive technology, and retail sales.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 668 students, an increase of 26 over the previous year. The number of students from district towns increased, however, and included the following breakdown: Belchertown 82; Granby 35; Monson 108; New Braintree 10; Palmer 126; and Ware 91. Out-of-district students accounted for the remaining 216.

Applications for admission to Pathfinder rose again this year and reached a high of 400, an increase of 20 over last year. Much of the increased interest in the school can be attributed to the overwhelming response to efforts such as the annual Open House, the Pizza Supper/Meet-the-Staff-Night, Chamber of Commerce Trade Show, the Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for seventh and eighth grade students.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 1997-98 school year, 300 were for the 165 available spaces in the ninth grade. Transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, indicating that the opportunity to experience a technical education at Pathfinder is most secure when initiated at the 9th grade level. For the third consecutive year, a waiting list was necessary in grades 9, 10, and 11 due in part to the large number of applications and to the size of the previous two freshman classes. Clearly, more students are applying to Pathfinder and are remaining once accepted.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new members at an impressive ceremony in May. This year Renaissance Students who were award winners and who demonstrated potential for eventual induction into the Society were also invited as guests.

The speaker was Pathfinder graduate Scott Moynahan who recently received his bachelor's degree in physical therapy from the University of Hartford.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Paula St. Georges of Granby. Paula completed the Electrical Program with a 3.712 average and was ranked third in her class. She was a member of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society for two years and was a varsity cheerleader.

At the Academic Awards Program held in May, Eric Simard of South Hadley received the award for the highest academic achievement. Eric was also the recipient of an automobile which had been restored by the automotive and auto body shops as a result of excellence in criteria developed by the Renaissance Program.

In June 1997, the graduating class of 96 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at outdoor commencement exercises. Approximately 70% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive impact on Pathfinder graduates, and several schools— including the University of Massachusetts and Western New England College-are currently undertaking steps to form articulated programs with our technology offerings.

Interest in attending four-year institutions continued to increase, and students have been accepted at the University of Massachusetts, North Adams State College, Sacred Heart University, Springfield College, Western New England College, Unity College, and Westfield State College.

The Scholarship Committee awarded more than $15,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 1997. Local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates, and the school committee is grateful for this expression of support.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Student Council currently consists of 26 members representing all shops. This year's emphasis was on the improvement of peer relations and on methods of increasing school spirit and morale.

A major student undertaking this year was the design and construction of a wall mural. It included the selection of a color for the cafeteria, placement of athletic flag banners on the walls, and the placement of an electronic sign. The project culminated with the assistance of a professional artist who worked with students in contributing their "piece" of the mural which was installed in November.

An exceptionally successful Thanksgiving basket project was repeated, and for the third consecutive year, the Student Council and Peer Education groups served dinner to local senior citizens.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 1997 athletic seasons:

- Four varsity teams qualified for the post season Western Massachusetts tournaments: baseball; boys' basketball; girls' soccer; and boys' soccer.

- The boys' soccer team won the Briggs Division league championship.
- The varsity baseball team finished second in the Tri County League with a record of 15-3, the best in school history.
- The boys' basketball team finished second in the Tri County League.
- The football team competed for the first time in the new Intercounty South League.
- Anthony Placanico and Carolyn Coache were named Outstanding Senior Athletes at the annual awards program.
- Athletic participation was at an all-time high and included participation by 30% of the student body.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to eligible students in grades 9-12 as well as to students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Approximately 205 TEAM meetngs were held throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and re-evaluations.

The School Committee continues to provide support for a dedicated special education staff. There are currently seventeen professional staff members and eight teacher aides supported hrough local funds. This staff has served 243 students, includng those in the MVIP Program.

Speech and language services were provided to 55 students of varying academic abilities. Speech and language therapy s provided on a 1:1 basis in small groups and on a monitoring basis.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of more than 80 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self-control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home, school, community, and egal problems. The goal of this service is to maintain the student within the regular classroom setting and the school.

A certified occupational therapist provided those services on an individual or small group basis to students with sensory motor deficits which interfere with the acquisition of self care or vocational tasks. This particular staff member-also certified in physical education-made modifications to the curriculum to include fitness programs incorporating new aerobic exercise equipment. The school was pleased that students from the adapted physical education program participated in athletic competition n track and field at the local and state levels.

The Special Education Department continued to operate an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142, Perkins monies and Department of Youth Services funds. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school, with an expectation of greater success.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's new format, Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	**Program Name**	**Allocation**
240	IDEA Special Education	$87,435
	These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out Program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.	
302	Title IV (formerly Chapter I)	$1,253
	Funds were used for the school library to keep the Newsbank computer series updated.	
303	Eisenhower Math and Science	$961
	This program provides professional development for math and science teachers.	
331	Safe and Drug Free Schools	$2,235
	Funds provide two mentors who work with student groups and also present activities for elementary school students who visit Pathfinder. A small amount is utilized for professional development.	
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education	$71,323
	Funds provide for one school-to-work coordinator, consultants for professional development programs, attendance at conferences, and supplies for those shops that qualify as having the largest percentage of special populations.	
504	Goals 2000 Study Groups	$3,000
	This program provides for study groups to review curriculum in light of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.	

346/349 Health Protection Allocation $14,854

These monies provide for outside counseling for specialized groups. It assists our school adjustment counselor's caseload. It does emphasize the elimination of the use of tobacco.

305 Title I $11,835

This limited amount of funding provides for a half time teacher aide who works in the Reading Lab. It also provides a small stipend for the reading instructor who oversees the reading lab.

Department of Youth Services $7,328

This program is coordinated with Pathfinder's afternoon program. Students under DYS custody attend Pathfinder during the afternoon for vocational training. This component also contains a summer program at Pathfinder.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- Teacher/mentor training at business worksites
- Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses
- Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 9-12
- Implementation of a college/career search program (Expan)
- Career interest and exploratory program for seventh graders

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. More than 100 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two 10-week sessions, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer assisted drafting, food services, horticulture, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

One hundred sixty-five youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated two days per week and included six career areas: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder also received a two-year grant from the Regional Employment Board to offer a Summer Youth Employment and Enrichment Program. Twenty-five youths from Hampden County were placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic enrichment/vocational exploration/world-of-work training. Several participants were offered employment at the program's end.

The evening school offered two sessions, once again featuring computer-related offerings. On an experimental basis, some shops were offered one night per week, resulting in higher enrollment and greater student satisfaction.

Twelve courses were offered during the 1997 summer school. Instructors were encouraged to use educational computer software packages as supplementary learning tools to traditional classroom curricula. Students were also given an opportunity to make up Related instruction by attending a Related workshop. One hundred fifty one students representing 14 different area schools were enrolled.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 35 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, 5 paraprofessionals, and 8 teacher aides. Five administrators - three of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and was named president-elect of the National Council of Local Administrators at the annual convention of the American Vocational Association. He also completed his one-year term as president of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce in November. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist was also re-elected to a second term as one of the three secondary members of the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY98 gross budget of $7,215,846. Of this amount, $6,319,526 was for foundation purposes. The District received $1,899,507 in Chapter 70 funds, $226,545 in regional school transportation reimbursement, $346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of $2,824,512 to be raised through assessments to the member communities and tuition income.

The FY98 budget proposal was in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted from the MVIP Program as well as each town's share of the planned new program in health occupations and one-year's portion of the school's technology plan. The School Committee was pleased to have the support of five of the six town meetings in initially approving the FY98 budget. Only the town of Ware dissented.

Once again, the Committee faced the issue of "excess debt" in FY98 for the fourth consecutive year. District-wide, the impact was $152,239. The budget which was finally adopted enabled each of the six towns to reduce their costs by their share of that debt. The Committee continues to believe that this provision of the Education Reform Law is fundamentally unfair and will press local legislators to at least soften the impact in future years.

The final Chapter 70 distribution and notification of minimum spending requirements received in July resulted in minor adjustments for all member towns except New Braintree. Because of an error in pupil accounting in the preliminary distribution, the town's net school spending for Pathfinder was underestimated. Final calculations revealed that the town was required to increase its minimum contribution to Pathfinder by $34,212. In cooperation with New Braintree town officials, Pathfinder applied for and received a grant from the Foundation Reserve Program which covered $34,000 of that shortfall.

The following chart illustrates the final assessments to the six member communities:

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS 1997-98

Town	Minimum Contribution	MVIP Program	New Program	Share of Tech (1 yr)	Transportation	Share of Fixed Asset	Share of Capital	Total Assessment
Belchertown	358,381	58,946	10,559	18,364	23,547	975	45,613	516,385
Granby	187,129	9,835	4,366	7,593	9,736	403	20,478	239,541
Monson	627,381	49,132	15,341	26,679	34,209	1,417	30,349	784,507
N. Braintree	72,608	-	1,969	3,425	4,392	182	4,264	86,840
Palmer	515,776	39,297	16,183	28,143	36,087	1,495	43,875	680,856
Ware	354,462	58,946	13,514	23,501	30,135	1,248	34,577	516,382
TOTAL	**2,115,737**	**216,156**	**61,932**	**107,705**	**138,106**	**5,720**	**179,156**	**2,824,512**

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

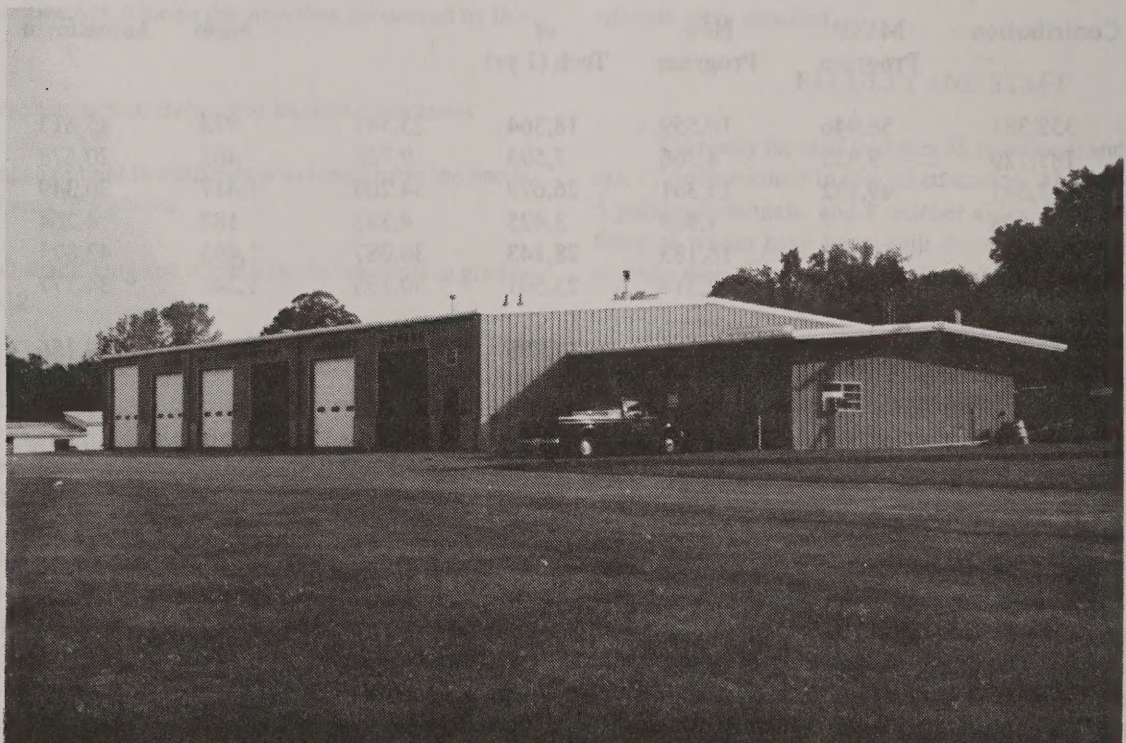
In response to the general theme of restructuring within education reform, the School Committee has made a commitment to continue membership in the Regional Education Alliance along with 16 surrounding school systems. This network has begun to stimulate systemic change within its members by developing "site teams" which include teachers, administrators, school committee members, students, parents, and community representatives. Work has also been completed on the school's technology plan, and significant improvements and upgrades have been made so that Pathfinder is able to maintain a leadership position as we approach the 21st century.

The Committee is determined to continue its goal of expansion of the District so that all students will eventually come from member communities. To that end, the administration has been meeting with officials from the Quaboag Regional School District in an effort to interest the towns of Warren and West Brookfield in becoming members. In the fall of 1997, school officials met with the town of Hardwick whose Board of Selectmen also expressed an interest in re-joining the District. Simulations of the financial impact created by adding these towns were provided by the Department of Education, and those calculations are currently under review by the interested parties.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectatio that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance an governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing th best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites th continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in a of our six communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
Ford Ray, Ware
Robert Thayer, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent- Director



Highway Garage

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works has remained a full serice agency since its establishment in 1994. Our primary goal is o provide quality services in a cost effective manner. As our mbrella of services expands to encompass more services, the hallenge increases respectfully. With the planned Wastewater 'reatment Plant renovations and expansions to Pine Valley Planation, Ledgewood Estates, and the lakes area; as well as contruction projects like the new Sargent Street recreation facility, enior Center, Police Station, Fire Station; and road enhanceients such as the Red Bridge over the Swift River, the Main nd Maple Street Intersection, and the Barton Avenue and State treet Intersection. This may prove to be the most productive ear ever. We are looking forward to these projects with a level f excitement and enthusiasm second to none.

Although I was appointed the position of Director late in Jecember, I have been employed by the Town for several years. 'rom this experience I can proudly boast of the employees and ie many accomplishments they were associated with during 997. However, any attempts to list these accomplishments in ieir entirety would be impossible. Therefore, I will offer only a rief summary of each division's accomplishments.

Maintenance Department

This division is currently staffed with four full-time and ne part-time employee. The support gained by outside conractors has dwindled in recent years and has been replaced by a roup of seasonal employees. There responsibilities include naintenance and repairs of all Town buildings and property with ie exception of those within the School Department's jurisdicon. These employees also work closely with all other Deparients targeting specific seasonal or conditional needs.

Some of the highlights for this division in 1997 include:

- Remodeling the ambulance garage to meet state requirements.
- Remodeling three of the offices in Town Hall.
- Refinishing the auditorium floor at Town Hall.
- Refurbishing the heating system at Town Hall.
- Remodeling the Police Station to accommodate the Enhanced 911.
- Reconditioning of several baseball diamonds.
- Construction of batting cage at Cronk Field.
- Finnerty House (Recreation Dept. Office) renovations.
- Assisted with the installation of electrical services across the common.

New equipment to the division included the following:

- Howard Price Commercial Mower
- 23 HP Commercial Leaf Vacuum
- Delta 10" Industrial Table Saw

I can not conclude this division's report without extending thanks to Gus, Kevin, Leo, Mike and Angie for all of their hard work.

Wastewater

The Wastewater Division is responsible for the operation of our Wastewater Treatment Facility and respective collection system. Due to the age of this facility and ever increasing environmental regulations, we are faced with major non-compliance issues. Consequently, in September the Environmental Protection Agency issued the Town an administrative order outlining the schedule for construction of the new and expanded treatment facility.

In December, construction bids for the new facility were opened and are approximately 1.5 million dollars higher than expected. This is the result of the addition of several pieces of equipment that will treat wastewater to levels that are specified within the new discharge permit. This new permit was issued in September by the Environmental Protection Agency and is one of the most stringent in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Fortunately, we were able to incorporate the necessary changes into the design before the final blueprints were completed. Credit should be given to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Committee for their foresight.

In addition to all this activity, the employees at the facility continued to strive for the highest quality effluent possible. With over 100,970,000 gallons of raw sewerage entering the facility in 1997, Terry and Rich kept busy. Some of their required work included:

- Collection system Maintenance
- Building and grounds maintenance
- Machinery maintenance
- Process control procedures
- Sampling and laboratory analysis
- General housekeeping

In addition to these duties, employees also:

- Established storm water monitoring activities
- Cleared brush from sewer easements
- Fulfilled the DEP's training requirements
- Conducted 9 sewer connection inspections

New equipment to this division included:

- Personal computer, printer and software package
- Two 24 hour composite samplers
- Three portable flow measuring devices and software package

These employees should be recognized for their dedication and abilities. 365 days a year they provide a service to the Town which virtually goes unnoticed and is often taken for granted.

Cemetery Division

During the past year, a total of 34 burials were conducted, 5 of which were cremations. Other activities included lot sales and developments; and turf, ground, and shrub maintenance. With the assistance of the DPW, most of these activities were completed by Dave Hodgen and Paul Cook. Dave is our only remaining Cemetery Commissioner, and Paul has remained on as an advisor. These two individuals should be complimented for their professionalism and ability. They never hesitate to go the extra mile to accomplish the task at hand.

Transfer Station - Recycling Center

Our Transfer Station - Recycling Center is a state of the art facility, which is currently used by half of the Town's residents. Staffed by 2 full-time employees, we provide a one stop waste disposal at a reasonable rate. Participation is voluntary, the only requirements are to purchase a vehicle pass for $40.00 and dispose of any non-recyclables in Town trash bags. These bags are available at several locations in Town and are priced reasonably.

We are proud of our program and encourage anyone not currently using this service to check our prices and compare our services. This facility accepts all types of materials, below I have outlined them and the quantities for 1997:

- 18 tons of plastic
- 350 tons of paper/cardboard
- 117 tons of glass/metal
- 1,730 gallons of waste oil
- 250 assorted tires

In addition to those materials, we also offered all Town residents the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste. This was a very successful event with 127 residents participating.

All of this would not be possible without the dedication of the attendants at the Transfer Station, Joe and Rich thanks for a successful year.

Highway Division

Presently staffed by 8 full-time employees, this division continued to maintain the 185 miles of roads within our community. After the seemingly never ending task of snow and ice control, these employees eagerly anticipate the construction season. Resuming the very aggressive road maintenance program that was established with the organization of the DPW, meant that 10% of the Town's roads were scheduled for resurfacing In total 11.4 miles of roadway were prepared, widened, and resurfaced - just short of the target, but still remarkable.

Dave, Bob, Eric, Ernie, Tom, Walter, Tom and Ed - Job Well Done.

Locations resurfaced with chip seal include:

• Blue Meadow Road	4,000 feet
• Aldrich Road	3,800 feet
• Dressel Avenue	2,700 feet
• Underwood Street	2,300 feet
• Ledgewood Drive	2,500 feet
• Forest Road	2,200 feet
• Kopec Avenue	1,500 feet
• Old Pelhan Road	1,100 feet
• North Street	3,200 feet

Locations resurfaced with bituminous concrete and received drainage enhancements include:

• Woodhaven Drive	1,450 feet
• Orchard Street	7,000 feet
• West Street	2,600 feet
• Gold Street	5,900 feet
• Eskett Street	2,400 feet
• Alden Street	2,200 feet
• Old Pelham Road	2,100 feet
• Everett Avenue	1,200 feet
• Cottage Street	200 feet
• Shaw Street	2,400 feet
• George Hannum Road	6,300 feet

In addition to those locations, Route 202 was resurfaced from the center of Town, South to the Granby line. This total project was funded by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Also included with these road enhancements were 3,550 linear feet of new guard rails installed at the following locations:

Gulf Road
Gold Street
Pine Street
Bardwell Street
South Liberty Street
Eskett Street
Federal Street
Enoch Sanford Road
Stebbins Street
Barton Avenue

New equipment to this division included:

- 1998 Freightliner 10 wheel dump truck with built in sander and new snow plow.
- 1998 Ford 1-ton dump truck with built in tool boxes, new fisher snow plow, and 1 yard stainless steel sander.

Other activities and projects included:

- Belchertown Fair
- Capping of the Landfill
- Cottage Street Water Line
- Construction of Temporary Fire Station Parking Lot
- Purchase of 521 State Street for road enhancements
- Brush & tree trimming
- Pot hole patching
- Street sweeping

These projects, in conjunction with the resurfacing and rainage improvements accounted for the majority of our ac-vities during the past construction season. If we failed to at-end to a particular request during that time, please give us a call nd bring it to our attention.

Tree and Vegetation Control

With exception of the clean up effort that took place after the April fools nor-easter which dumped 20+ inches of snow in our region, this division's greatest amount of activity continued to be removals. Large quantities of Eastern White Ash Trees continue to become victims of blight, and I am hopeful this will be the year the DPW construct a nursery with young saplings to establish an aggressive replacement program.

In conclusion I would like to thank the many dedicated business owners, contractors, and consultants that support this Department. I would also like to call attention to Cheryl, the Department Assistant. Her efforts have proven invaluable in the operation of the DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

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Department of Public Works

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with full-time professional staff and public health services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 22,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 1997.

	Belchertown	**Ware**	**Pelham**
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	242	62	18
Septic Application Review	116	43	17
Septic Final Inspections and Re- inspections	128	47	22
Well Application Review	69	N/A	6
Housing Inspections and Re-inspections (upon complaint)	24	46	3
Rental Voucher Inspections and Re-inspections (upon request)	0	13	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	0	0
Food Service Inspections and Re-inspections	47	35	1
Nuisance Inspections and Re-inspections	31	39	5
Misc. Inspections and Meetings	20	18	0
Court Appearances	3	0	0
Board Meeting Attendance	19	10	19

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES PERFORMED in 1997. 1,103

In addition, 5 meetings of the Quabbin Health District Board of Directors were held in 1997. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected Board of Health members from the communities within the District. The meeting place rotates among the three Town Halls.

District employees serve on a number of committees and advisory groups: Town of Belchertown Americans with Disabilities Committee, Town of Belchertown GIS Committee, Town of Ware Solid Waste Committee, Hampshire County Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Tobacco Free Hampshire County Coalition. An ongoing activity of personnel is to Participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various state agencies and professional groups. Topics addressed during 1997 included the revised Title V, the Rivers Protection Act, septic System betterment and loan programs, tobacco control, Hepatitis B, and managing school outbreaks of childhood infectious diseases.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I appreciate the assistance and dedication of Helen Kutt, District Clerk.

Sincerely,

Health Officer
Quabbin Health District

Board of Health

During the 1997 calendar year, the Board of Health continued to work towards improving the quality of services provided to the citizens of the Town of Belchertown, while maintaining high standards for the protection of public health. The Board accomplished this through meetings held twice monthly, on the first and third Monday. The year 1997 was also the first full year the Board operated with 5 Board Members. With additional personnel broadening the Board's scope of expertise, the functions and duties of the Board are enhanced. The activities and functions of the Board were carried out through the supportive efforts of the staff members of the Quabbin Health District.

Review and approval of septic plans still remained one of the major tasks facing the Board. The New Title V septic regulations continue to place new demands and additional time requirement responsibilities on the Board. A total of 116 Disposal Works Conctruction Permits were approved.

The Board continues to plan and implement a town-based septic repair program which will allow qualified residents in environmentally sensitive areas to qualify for a low interest loan for septic repairs and upgrades.

The area of tobacco control regulations has also been one of intense activity for the Board of Health. With the assistance of the Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Coordinator, this year has seen the continued development and adaptation of tobacco control regulations within the town of Belchertown. Effective February 1, 1998, all public restaurants and bars are mandated to provide a smoke-free environment for their patrons as well as employees. Youth access to tobacco products has been minimized through stricter retail regulations and the use of the retailer's license. All cigarette vending machines were prohibited. A number of smoking cessation programs and hypnosis sessions were conducted this year for people living or working in Belchertown.

The Board of Health continued to recognize the efforts of local restaurant and food service establishments in meeting or exceeding standards for sanitation.

In an effort to keep abreast of ever changing issues effecting the public health domain, Board members and staff have participated in continuing education workshops and seminars focusing on such issues as: tobacco control, Title V regulatory changes, sanitation, lead paint and other environmental issues. Members have attended the Massachusetts Association of Health Board's Certification and Training Program. The Board of Health office continues to serve as the central location in town hall for the distribution of other technical and educational assistance relative to public health issues.

Through its membership in the Quabbin Health District, the Board of Health participated in the review and reorganization of health department personnel. Job descriptions for employees were rewritten to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A performance appraisal system was developed for each position. Staffing levels were analyzed and as a result, a new employee will be hired to provide clerical support in the Belchertown Board of Health Office. The expanded office hours will provide residents with more opportunities to access records and information.

The following represents permits issued by the Board in 1997:

1997 Belchertown Board of Health Permit Activity

Disposal Works Construction Permits	116
Well Construction Permits	69
Food Service Establishments	31
Retail Food Permits	12
Milk and Cream Licenses	32
Bottling Permit	1
Frozen Dessert License	2
Catering License	1
Mobile or Temporary Food	35
Septic Installer's Permits	26
Septage Hauler's Permits	2
Mobile Home Park Licenses	1
Massage Therapy Licenses	4
Piggery License	1
Tobacco Retailer's Permit	11

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bishop, Chairperson
Leonard Belisle, Vice-Chair
David Haines
Denise Finn-Rizzo
Roger Bonsall

Belchertown Board of Health

Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Program

The Quabbin Health District Tobacco Control Program was active in Belchertown during 1997. As part of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program, funded through the cigarette tax, the program goals are:

— policy and enforcement
— cessation
— community education

Over one hundred Massachusetts teens start smoking each day. Youth access regulation assist in preventing minors from buying tobacco products. During 1997, the Belchertown Board of Health revised the youth access regulations to include stricter identification measures and rolling papers as an item whose sale to minors is prohibited. The Board of Health continues to work with issues of second hand smoke in establishments serving alcohol.

Cessation programs have been frequent in Belchertown, providing both group meetings and hypnosis for over 100 people. Throughout the year, referrals are made when services are not readily available.

Community education has taken many forms, and has strengthened the partnership between the school system and the tobacco control program. Along with participation on the health advisory board, we have worked in partnership to bring entertainers and speakers with an anti-tobacco message to various age groups. Thousands of promotional items, as well as, information on cessation, maternal smoking, second hand smoke, and spit tobacco were given out at the Belchertown Fair.

During the 1998 calendar year, the tobacco control program will continue to be active in offering a myriad of cessation options for the residents of Belchertown. These will include: hypnosis, informational classes, and six-week programs for cessation. We will continue to provide referrals to other area resources. The program will remain active in community education through the local schools, and at community health fairs and events.

Another major focus will be to continue interfacing with local establishment owners to work towards the goal of providing safe smoke free space for all patrons. This will be approached through various avenues including policy promotion and enforcement.

Submitted by:
Jill T. Rubin/ Tobacco Control Coordinator

Dog Control Department

In 1997 the Dog Control Department impounded 155 dogs.

121 were claimed by their owners.

34 were turned over to DnA pets for subsequent placement.

Happily, 0 dogs were euthanized.

The town is currently advertising for the position of second assistant Dog Officer. This, in addition to some anticipated changes within the department should provide us with the tools to function with even more efficiency.

As always, DnA pets continues to augment the towns care of stray dogs, and saved the taxpayers 1,445.00. The blankets, treats, food and TLC are due in large part to the efforts of Judy Roberts, whose commitment to animals goes above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you Judy.

This department looks forward to another productive year serving Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Michaud
Dog Officer

Civil Defense

In 1997, the Civil Defense Committee has been actively working to upgrade and improve its' function. The Committee has been actively working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency revising the current Comprehensive Emergency Management plan for Belchertown.

In addition, Committee members are engaged in on going training at the State as well as the Federal level, working to upgrade skills in Emergency Management.

In 1997, the Civil Defense budget was increased allowing the purchase of vital two-way communications for committee members. These portable radios now link Civil Defense members with all Town Departments.

In the last report I noted the Emergency Operations Center, which was located in the Town Hall, was not activated during the winter storms of 1996. This Center did not meet the Federal guidelines for an Emergency Operations Center. In 1997, after conferring with Police Chief Knight and Fire Chief Bock, the EOC has been relocated to the Police Station.

The members of the Civil Defense Committee are committed to actively move this committee forward through the acquisition of upgraded equipment and training, providing the citizens of the Town of Belchertown the service needed in time of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Elliott Jr.
Director, Civil Defense

Veteran's Services

Administrative Expenditures			
Salaries, Supplies and Services	$5,694.42	$5,694.42	
Financial Assistance Expenditures			
Ordinary Benefits	$15,312.85		
Fuel Benefits	981.06		
Medical Benefits	417.45	$16,711.36	$22,405.78
Burials	0		
Groceries	0		
Expected Reimbursements			$12,533.52
COST OF OPERATIONS			$9,872.26

Both the Town and the Commonwealth share in the funding of this program. Each year the Town of Belchertown budgets money for the Veterans' Benefits and is reimbursed a portion of this money. The Massachusetts Veterans' Services Agents Association submitted legislation to amend Chapter 115 so that the Commonwealth would reimburse the cities and towns 75% of the monies expended on Veterans' Benefits. Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1987 was signed in law by Governor Michael Dukakis.

The Veterans' Services Department administers benefits for Town of Belchertown veterans which are separate and distinct from those provided by the Veterans Administration (VA), a program of the Federal Government. This department, however, does file for a variety of benefits for Belchertown veterans and their dependents from the Federal VA office. The Federal money we secure for our recipients reduces the Town money we pay and in many cases, once a recipient commences to receive money from these federal programs. We are able to close the case with no further expenditure of Town money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. William Carrier Director
B. Veterans' Service Department

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has four state-aided projects in administration. Everett Acres, a forty-eight unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Housing Program, East Walnut Hill, 45 State Street- Unit 1, 95 George Hannum Road - Unit 7 built and administered under the State's Chapter 689 Housing for People with Special Needs Program, and 45 State Street and 95 George Hannum Road a twelve unit project built and administered under the state's Chapter 705 Family Housing Program.

Eligibility for housing is based on age and/or handicap, family size, and income. The current maximum net annual income for eligibility is $23,900 for one person, $27,350 for two, $30,750 for three, $34,150 for four and up to $45,100 for a family of eight.

The eligibility regulation for state aided housing has been changed and the former asset limit no longer applies. It was replaced by the Federal Asset Definition. This regulation states that as long as the total income from assets, both real and imputed, and all other income does not exceed the maximum income for eligibility, a person or family is eligible. This change should make many elders eligible for state aided housing who in the past were ineligible.

Tenants at Everett Acres pay thirty per cent of their net monthly income for rent, which includes all utilities. While rents vary widely according to each tenant's income, the average rent is $273 per month. We have experienced difficulties in renting second floor units at Everett Acres and currently have several vacancies. We have depleted our waiting list for elderly/handicapped units and have advertised the availability of our one bedroom apartments. Vacancies and the lack of interested applicants for elderly/handicapped housing has become a problem across the Commonwealth.

East Walnut Hill is fully occupied. Three of the units are leased to the Department of Mental Retardation at a rent that covers all operating expenses. The fourth unit is leased by the Authority to an income eligible physically handicapped person.

Unit 1 at 45 State Strteet and unit 7 at 95 George Hannum Road are also under lease to the Department of Mental Retardation and provide housing for eight former residents of the Belchertown State School. The rent received covers all operating expenses. The Authority receives no state subsidy for these units. The fiscal '98 operating budget for the 689 Special Needs Units is $41,850.

The twelve family units are fully occupied. Tenants in these units pay twenty-five per cent of their income for rent. They are responsible for their utility bills. While rents are based on each family's income and vary widely, the average rent is $280 per month. There are currently 285 applicants on the family waiting list. Due to the fact there are more applicants than we can reasonably expect to house in the next four years, the authority received permission from the Commonwealth to close the 2 bedroom family waiting list on June 30, 1997. The 3 and 4 bedroom family list remains open.

The fiscal '98 operating budget for the elderly/handicapped and family housing has anticipated expenses of $185,260 with a projected income of $171,500. The anticipated deficit of $13,760 will be funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Authority also had the administration of 30 units of rental assistance under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Allowance Certificate Program. Under this program, the Authority assists very low income elderly, disabled/handicapped persons or families in paying their rent. Those eligible are issued a certificate of participation and may rent privately owned units that meet the Program's criteria. Participants pay thirty percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities and the Authority pays the balance directly to the landlord. The Authority closed the section 8 waiting list on October 31, 1994 as there were more applicants than the authority could be expected to house within a reasonable amount of time.

The budget for the Housing Allowance Program for fiscal '98 is $164,022 with full funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

James A. Barry, Chairman
Louise M. Butler
Douglas G. Rae
Thomas T. Soja

Historical Commission

The Historical Commission is composed of seven full members and one associate member. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

Over the past year commission members have come close to completing a photographic inventory of the town by photographing all structures more than 50 years old. Most structures built prior to 1950 have now been photographed from the road. Remaining for this part of the inventory is photographing structures built between 1950 and 1948. As part of the ongoing effort to complete the inventory of Belchertown's historic structures started in the 1970s, Commission members have also been preparing Building Forms for listing twelve historic structures with the Massachusetts Historical Commission inventory for Massachusetts towns. This work will continue in 1998.

The Historical Commission has also been involved in the town's preparations for converting the buildings Nursery I and Nursery 2 on the State School property for the new Senior Center and Police Station. Commission members reviewed the architects' preliminary plans for the buildings to ensure that exterior modifications to the buildings did not entail alterations that would seriously affect their external appearance. This review of the plans is required since the State School property is listed on a National Historic Register of State Schools and Hospitals.

Historic District Commission

The Commission has met with 2 property owners within the local historic district during the past year regarding proposed changes to their property. Appropriate certificates were awarded when necessary following public hearings.

The Commission appreciates the willingness of property owners to meet with Commission to discuss proposed changes before applying for an application. The Belchertown Historic District is an area with specific boundaries that has been recognized for its historic and architecturally significant quality. Any proposed change or alteration to the exterior of an individual property in this district must be reviewed by the Commission and may be subject to a formal review process.

Copies of the District bylaws, map and application forms are available in the office of the Town Clerk. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission and ask questions about your particular concern.

Doris M. Dickinson, Chairman
Jacqueline Dupre
Richard Davitt
John B. Curry

4-H Tent at the Fair

Council On Aging

Founded in 1973, the Belchertown Council on Aging has been providing a range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population in the greater Belchertown Area.

Providing unique combination of both contracted, private pay and informal activities organized by the Council on Aging members, volunteers and staff, the Belchertown Council on Aging is truly a community-based organization.

1997 was a year of change for the Council on Aging. Early in the year Jemma Lambert, former Executive Director left the organization for another position on the Cape. Barbara Cummings became the new Executive Director in April 1997. At the November 17th Town Meeting, the Town approved the purchase of Parcel A on the former Belchertown State School Grounds. The Town continues its efforts to secure and renovate the proposed site.

With more than twenty classes, clubs, and activities occurring each week, an average of 175 seniors benefiting each day, the Council on Aging is a busy and vital organization.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site congregate, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their home. Funded through West Mass Elder Care under the Federal Older American Act, this program is designed to insure that the daily nutrition needs of seniors are met.

Congregate meals are served in our dining room Monday through Friday and are often accompanied by music or a speaker. In 1997, 160 seniors enjoyed in excess of 9,664 meals in the good company of others! Our Home Delivered Meal Program, distinguished in the state for delivering hot, fresh meals seven days a week, served in excess of 38,102 meals this past year. Meals are delivered 363 days a year. Christmas and New Year's Day, meals are not delivered however double meals are delivered the day before.

The Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of grant money, participant donations, private fundraising, state home care reimbursements, and USDA cash, and commodities.

In March of 1997, the Council on Aging no longer received funding through the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. Hulmes Transportation was awarded the contract. In May of 1997 the Council on Aging received a new, wheelchair accessible, nine-passenger van which was purchased earlier in the year. The new van was christened and named the "Senior Surrey". Since it's arrival, the Senior Surrey has transported 540 passengers (duplicated) to 81 round trip activities. Seniors have enjoyed a variety of activities including shopping, river cruises, shows and much more. Rides are still offered for general shopping and doctor's appointments as scheduling allows. Seniors who participate in the Social Day Care Program at the Center still receive transportation through the Council on Aging. This also includes transportation for other seniors who are transported to other senior day care programs. This transportation is paid through a state home care contract and private pay. The transportation provided under this program is vital to continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care.

The Council on Aging continued it's Social Day Program on site this past year, providing 458 units of service in 1997. The program, intended to provide a supervised, organized, and supportive setting to elders in need of a structured environment, serves a critically important service to the community.

The Social Day Program is open Monday through Friday, and features an array of interactive activities, guided exercise, recreation, snacks, lunch, and much more. It's goal is to help support caregivers and other concerned family members whose loved ones are recovering from illness, injury, or who are not able to remain at home alone due to cognitive limitations.

The program is funded in part through a Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, state home care reimbursements, and program fees.

Outreach and education to elders through home visitation remains an important facet of the Social Services position here at the Council on Aging. Through these efforts many individuals are assisted with obtaining insurance, housing, nutrition, transportation, and entitlement programs information. Assessment for nutritional risk, home safety, and fuel assistance are also provided through this method.

Health promotion activities remains a vital interest to the community. Health clinics such as blood sugar and blood pressure screenings are well attended each month. Educational forums on benefit information, medications management, local resource, and a range of other topics are arranged and presented on a regular basis.

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council continues in it's second year addressing issues of health and safety in the community. Some issues sponsored by the SALT Council include the Roundtable discussion with local law enforcement around issues of fraud, personal safety, and home safety. Over this past year the SALT Council coordinated a Belchertown S.A.F.E. (Safe Access for Everyone) Day. Seniors, law enforcement officials and local students come together during this event to demonstrate accessing local businesses using crutches, wheelchairs and walkers. This was an educational lesson for all involved. The SALT Council continues to coordinate future events including senior evacuation in case of an emergency.

The Council on Aging remains a focal point in the community through these and many other efforts including Food Bank Brown Bag Program, Toys for Tots, holiday celebrations and assorted intergenerational activities.

Spirited efforts to encourage the growth in senior activities both in and outside of the center are ongoing. An exercise program and cross-country ski group has been coordinated to begin in January of 1998. This past year the Belchertown Council on Aging in partnership with the Belchertown Schools was awarded a grant from the Senior Serve/MNCSC organization to perform the play, "The Stage of Life: The Storytellers." Mr. Brian Marsh, a resident of Belchertown and playwright, wrote and directed this very unique and most enjoyable play telling the story of the Quabbin Reservoir and the people who lived there 70 years ago. The play united 2500 seniors, children and other community members for a wonderful intergenerational experience. This one event will remain in the hearts and minds of many for a long time. The Council on Aging plans to pursue more intergenerational activities over the next coming year.

None of these activities would be possible without the outstanding efforts of our volunteers. Each program benefits from the warm and generous contributions of many individuals of all ages. This past year the Council on Aging was gifted withmore than 6,300 hours of service from 75 volunteers for a dollar value of $47,227.00. We remain proud of the effort of so many.

Council on Aging Operating Budget FY 1997

Town Appropriation	140,328.00
Title IIIC Nutrition Program	
Title IIIC Grant	47,270.00
State Home Care	9,086.00
Participant's Donation	49,000.00
USDA Cash	21,600.00
USDA Commodities	14,000.00
Transportation Program	
State Home Care	4,405.00
Social Day Program	
Formula Grant	4,484.00
State Home Care	7,120.00
Private Payment	1,150.00
Donations/Fundraising	4,465.48
Total Operating Funds	176,908.48

The Council on Aging is a Town Appointed Board. Members include: Theresa Ericksberg, Michelle Ouhl, Theresa Glanville, Jeannette Crowther, Joan Hutchinson, Joan Poole, Charlotte Tenczar, Ethel Casey, and Alice Peden.

The Council on Aging holds membership in the National Council on Aging, the Massachusetts Association of Elderly Nutrition Providers, Western Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Department

We started 1997 in new office facilities. The new office not only allowed us to become more organized but enabled this office to increase the number of courses we offer in Safe Sitter, C.P.R., First Aide, summer Scuba classes and Life Guarding. We now have a facility where coach's clinics and meetings can be held, a large number of registrations can be taken at one time and residents with concerns or questions can speak privately with staff members. A heart felt Thank You from the staff of the Belchertown Recreation Department!

What was new in 1997? The wonders of nature were introduced to 4 to 7 year olds through "Take A Hike.. ..Little Tykes". Creative juices were flowing among the participants of the "Summer Theatre Program", week long "Art Camp", "Clay Critters", "Glow Iguanas" and "How to Draw Aliens & UFOs. Children 8 years old to Adults experienced new adventures in the "Map & Compass" and "New Games Day" programs. Fall Baseball was offered for 13 to 15 year olds. Our newest program R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense Course) has been extremely well received and will continue to be offered through 1998.

Our Summer Playground got a face-lift with a new name "Summer D.A.Y.S.", a new location, new activities and new field trips. Many eager faces greeted camp directors in the following weeklong sports programs: Baseball Camp, Soccer Camp, Golf Lessons, Tennis Lessons and Basketball Camp.

The Recreation Department's ongoing programs continue to improve and increase the number of participants in Baton Twirling; Instructional, Recreation, Dare Summer and Winter Basketball, Open Basketball League and Over 35 League; T-Ball, Pitching Machine, Softball and Baseball; Mt Tom Ski Program; Instructional Soccer and Fall Soccer.

Pedal Boats came to Arcadia Lake. The addition of these boats was a great success, with many residents and nonresidents enjoying a leisurely pedal around the lake. Canoe lessons were offered throughout the summer with many taking advantage of this course to learn the fine art of canoeing. The long hot summer helped to make it another successful Season at the Town Beach.

Water Safety Instructor Aid classes were added to the many programs offered at the CHCS Pool. We welcomed our Stingray Swim Team and Varsity Swim Team back to pool. American Red Cross Learn to Swim, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Certification classes were held. Our yearlong Aquanastics program continues to grow and improve with the purchase of new exercise equipment and the hard work of our instructor. Scuba classes continue and lessons were held once again for area schools.

We would like to thank the Community of Belchertow for approving the purchase of land for recreation use. The Rec reation Committee and staff are currently working with the Con servation Commission, Town Planner and UMASS on the in tial development stages of this property. We are hopeful that i the very near future we will be able to start physical work o this land

To our invaluable coaches and volunteers, participatin parents, community members who help us to establish new pro grams, to the businesses who donate to our causes, to the man town departments and their staff who help us every day and t the Board of Selectmen we thank you for all your assistance an patience. In 1998 we will once again strive to increase and im prove our service to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald A. Constantino,
Recreation Director
Beth Romeo,
Aquatic/Assist. Recreation Director
Recreation Committee Members
Dr. William Lafleur, Chairman
Garry Bock
Bruce Smith
Robert Chartier
Nancy Kwiatkowski
Karen Schiffer
Dave Whipple
William Eldridge

Arts Council

Mary Avery and Gloria Fox have retired after serving on this council for eleven years. This council will greatly miss them. Their faithful and conscientious service to this council and the community are greatly appreciated.

Beginning this year the position of Chairman is being filled by Co—chairs Gretchen Holesovsky and Judy McQuillen with Eva Robbins as Treasurer and Judi King as Secretary.

The Belchertown Arts Council received forty seven applications this year and the council regrets being unable to fund all of them.

The selection process is governed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council but also involves steps at the local level such as; What types of programming is the community most interested in? Are the interests of each age group addressed? Are there cultural traditions in the community which should be kept in mind during the decision process? Have we selected projects from nature, science and technology as well as the arts? How well do our choices meet our community needs and interests?

The process really begins with a "Community Input Meeting", which can and should be attended by any member of the community interested in the cultural well—being and education of our community. Once the grant applications have been received by the council each member is given copies of all grant applications for review. After each individual member has had the opportunity to read each grant the council meets to discuss the grant applications one at a time and finally vote. The list of choices are then submitted to Boston for final approval.

The members of the Belchertown Arts Council have endeavored to select projects with a diverse cultural appeal while keeping in mind the wide age span of those who will attend and participate in the events chosen.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allotment to the Belchertown Arts Council for the 1997—98 cycle was $6,478.

The following projects have been awarded grants from the Belchertown Arts Council, and are awaiting final approval from the State in March.

Teen Writing — Claire Baldwin

Natures Mysteries — Clapp Memorial Library

Odyssey of the Mind — Belchertown Public Schools

Artisans at the Stone House — Belchertown Historical Association

Concerts on the Common — Belchertown Community Band

Bell Restoration — Belchertown Handbell Choir

Sounds of South America — Rosa Maria Calderon, at Chestnut Hill School

Youth Arts Festival — Andrew Magee, at Belchertown High School

Mr. Wizard — Cold Spring School

Spanish American Union — T.V. and Health

Senior Citizen Concert — John Root

Hampshire Shakespeare Education Programs

Three PASS grants were also approved:

Cold Spring and Tadgell School 2nd grades, Wind in the Willows

Swift River, Old Sturbridge Village

Berkshire School, Magic School Bus

The Performing Arts Students Series (PASS) is available to all schools, they need only apply.

We urge and encourage all worthwhile projects to be submitted to the Belchertown Arts Council. The deadline for the next cycle is to be announced. Applications may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office or from a member of the Belchertown Arts Council.

The Belchertown Arts Council looks forward to continuing to provide the best in cultural opportunities for our community.

Gretchen Holesovsky, Co—Chairman
Judy McQuillen, Co—Chairman
Eva Robbins, Treasurer
Judi King, Secretary
Paul Marean
Karen Schiffer

Belchertown Arts Council
Current Members

Belchertown Rail-Trail Committee

The Belchertown Rail Trail Committee held it's first meeting on October 12, 1993. Attendees assembled after responding to the Belchertown Selectboard members' request earlier that summer for interested citizens to join a committee to begin the process of designing a "rail trail". (see attached committee minutes from 10/14/93). At the time, it was expected that such a trial would follow the B&M right-of-way, as closely as possible. The Norwattuck Rail Trail, from Northampton to Amherst had been completed and an extension to Warren Wright Road in Belchertown had been proposed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Dept. of Environmental Management. The Rail Trail Committee worked closely with these two agencies throughout the entire project.

During the first year the Committee's goals centered around becoming familiar with the existing B& M rail bed and potential problems (environmental, design considerations, surfaces), public education about the committee and it's purpose, communicating with agencies and organizations for information relating to rail trails and alternative transportation, visiting existing rail trails in Mass. and other parts of the country, and research at the Registry of Deeds for information concerning rights-of-way.

The Committee investigated several optional rail-trial routes for the Tri-lakes area of Belchertown after reviewing the environmental sensitivity of that area and close proximity to abutters along Lake and Canal Drives. It's evaluation of these routes was partly bases on comments from other Town boards and committees (see attached letter, "A").

During the Fall of 1995 the Committee, began the application process for Mass. Highways Transportation Enhancement Funds for the design and engineering phase of the project and applied for a grant through the Department of Environmental Management Greenways Project. $3,000.00 was granted to the Town for the Committee's use for a pre-design project (see the Conway School of Design Project, completed in April, 1996).

A Mission Statement, describing a multi-use trail, was written and final version approved by the committee members.

In March, 1996, the Rail Trail Committee submitted an application through PVPC for Mass Highway funds for design and engineering of Phase 1 of the proposed trail. Funding of $175,300.00 was awarded to the town whose application was ranked 2nd out of 16 projects in the Pioneer Valley!!

An advisory committee was established (2 rail trail members, Gary Broughm, Kathy Ruhf, DEM Representative and Jeff McCullough) as outlined in the contract between the Town and the PVPC, that had agreed to administer the grant under the direction of Jeff McCollough.

Meanwhile, public sentiment and new politics in the Town brought the Rail Trail project idea before Annual Town Meeting in April, 1997 where a vote was made to not allow the project to go forward into the design and engineering phase. Because of questions were raised by some dissatisfied citizens about the meeting procedure and vote, the Selectboard agreed to give the Rail Trail Committee additional time to garner support from citizens who had expressed interest in the Trail Project.

The project idea was defeated by a town "poll" on Nov 17, and the Selectboard has voted to disband the Rail Trail Committee.

Submitted by
Alice Ward, Chair BRTC

In 1993, members of the Norwottuck Rail Trail Committee, based in Hadley, contacted the Belchertown Board of Selectmen for permission to complete an extension of the rail trail from Station Road in South Amherst to Warren Wright Road, in Belchertown. From this initial contact was born the idea of a continuation of the trail through Belchertown along the same Boston and Maine railbed used by the Norwottuck Trail. A rail trail is the use of an abandoned railroad bed for multi-use alternative recreational travel including bicyclists, horseback riders, walkers and joggers, and snowmobilers.

The Belchertown Rail Trial Committee held its first open meeting on October 14, 1993. At this time, several people who had expressed interest in the concept of establishing a multi-use rail trail in Belchertown were invited by the town's Board of Selectmen to establish themselves as a town committee.

In Belchertown, the section of the B&M rail bed that the Committee is concerned with begins just west of Warren Wright Road, near the high tension lines. The rail bed has sections that are owned by private individuals, the Town of Belchertown and some by the B&M/Guilford Transportation Company. The Norwottuck Rail Trail, which begins in Northampton and continues through Hadley and Amherst along the old B&M rail bed, ends approximately 2 miles to the west, in Amherst. The State has approved the design and funded the section on the Trail that will end at Warren Wright Road; the remainder of the rail bed in Belchertown continues for approximately 14 miles to the Swift River in Bondsville!

In the early part of 1995, other communities met with Belchertown, Palmer, Ludlow, Granby, Sturbridge, Monson, Brimfield and the Grand Trunk trailblazers from Southbridge/Sturbridge to discuss a multi-community effort to continue the trail as an east-west corridor for the state as part of the Massachusetts alternative transportation plan.

Presently, the Belchertown Rail Trail Committee (BRTC) is exploring alternative routes at various sections of the B&M rail bed. Attached are 6 possible alternatives for the tri-lakes area of Belchertown. The Committee is asking your Board/Department to review the routes and make comments about any positive or negative aspects of each proposal. Please use the forms provided and return to the BRTC with the stamped envelope provided or by calling Bill/Lori Lyons at 323-9408. We would appreciate your response by Oct. 17, 1995.

Thank you for your cooperation!!

Sincerely,
The Belchertown Rail Trail Committee

Jeanne Arey
Dan Fitzpatrick
Paul Keating
Lew and Peg Louraine
Lori and Bill Lyons
Alice Kuc
Sue Ordinetz
Rorry Zahourek
Peter Crowley
Jay Holtzman
Phil Kausmeyer
Larry Tucker

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Hazardous Waste Day Collection (June 1997)

Clapp Memorial Library

(as of June 30, 1997)

The Library is located at 19 South Main Street. Our regular hours of operation include Monday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM., Friday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please call the Library at 323-0417 for summer hours beginning July 1st and running through Labor Day.

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY PATRON REGISTRATION: An individual must be at least five years old to obtain a library card. Juvenile patrons, those from five years through grade eight, must have their parent or guardian sign their registration card.

FEES: All public library services are free. Patrons are asked to cover only the costs inherent in some library activities, i.e. making copies, computer printouts, etc.

I. The Primary Service roles of the Clapp Memorial Library include:

1. Providing Popular Materials (for reading, listening and viewing) to adults and children.
2. Providing materials and information to satisfy the needs and interests of independent learners.
3. Providing materials and information to students engaged in formal education programs offered by public/private schools, colleges and other formal programs of study.
4. Providing information about community activities and resources, meeting space for community groups, and other services which make the Clapp Memorial Library an important community resource and focal point.

I. FY97 Budget

Our FY1997 municipal appropriation was $164,849.00. This figure represents nearly a 14% increase over our FY96 appropriation ($142,001.00); the patrons and staff of the Clapp Memorial Library are indebted to the Town Administrator and members of those Town Boards who have given us their support. Our good fortune continued enabling us to supplement our budget with $11,839.00 from state grants. The Friends Of The Library contributed over $5,000.00 which was used to purchase children's books, reference materials and fund the Summer Reading Program.

II. FY97 Circulation:

A. Our circulation continued to grow in FY97 reaching 131,393; a figure approximately in 16% greater than our FY '96 level (110,480).

B. The FY97 Circulation Figure includes 1,610 Interlibrary loans and Network Transfers. This figure has nearly doubled since FY95 (849), and is indicative of Belchertown's growing population who have more sophisticated informational needs.

III FY96 Registered Patrons

We had a net gain of 489 new patrons in FY97; we now count 5,924 of our Belchertown neighbors as active library patrons. This figure does not include so many of our youngest patrons—those under 5 years of age who are not yet old enough to become registered patrons.

IV. FY96 Collection Size

Print Materials	**ADULT**	**CHILDREN'S**	**TOTAL**
1. Volumes of books	11,035	8,422	19,457
2. Periodicals	166	6	172

Non-Print Materials	**ADULT**	**CHILDREN'S**	**TOTAL**
3. Audio cassettes	207	0	207
4. Video cassettes/discs	997	918	1,915
5. Compact Discs (music)	243	6	249
6. Misc.			160

TOTAL COLLECTION (as of June 30, 1997): 22,160 (1.81 holdings per-capita)

V. NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF FY97

1. A generous gift from Country Bank of $10,000 enabled the Library to build its Information Technologies Network (ITN). This network includes a three-workstation CD-ROM network and a pair of Internet workstations. Our patrons will log in more than 6,500 computer hours in the coming year.

2. Our Children's Librarian, Jennifer Whitehead, won a Eastern Communities Partnership grant which will give the Library $4,000 during FY97 to help the Library's youngest patrons. An additional $8,000 is anticipated from this grant in FY98.

3. Children's programming was as popular as ever. The more than 73,000 circulations form the Children's Collection is a good indication of that popularity. A variety of children's programs for our pre-school through high school age patrons had more than 4,000 participants during FY97.

4. While our series of adult programs cannot compete with those offered to our younger patrons, there were several popular programs presented to our adult patrons. Among the most popular programs are the Friends of The Library Book Sales and Festivals held every Spring and Fall. Other programs included Investment Strategies for Today presented by Mike Hurst. A lecture series spanning seven weeks with as many speakers entitled Parenting in the 90's was also very popular. There were also a variety of exhibits and displays such as the Kindergarten Art Show which were enjoyed by patrons of all ages.

GOALS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE
FY98

1. Library Space: Among the most important projects facing the Library now is the need to renovate the library basement. Space is at a premium. A recently completed building plan indicates the need for a library facility of over 23,000 sq. in the year 2016. Such a facility will require new construction. We cannot, however, sit idly by waiting for such construction. Space in the existing facility must be used efficiently and completely.

2. Technology: Libraries can no longer look upon technology as a luxury; it has become an integral part of quality library service. Our CD-ROM network and Internet computer workstations will provide a bridge between a relatively unsophisticated public library and one providing access to electronic services and resources equal to those found at larger Western Massachusetts public libraries. To provide such access the Clapp Memorial Library will move towards becoming a full member of The Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Network (C/W MARS).

   2a. Technology Costs: The Library Director and Trustees have spent much of FY97 studying the most cost-effective ways to provide our Belchertown patrons with access to needed electronic resources and services. Although the initial charges of full membership in the C/W MARS network are substantial (approximately, $40,000), the annual costs (approx. $16,000) are more than reasonable. That annual rate will provide immediate access to the collections of 150 C/W MARS member libraries—"a bibliographic database that includes 1.2 million titles, and 5.6 million copies." Such access is the foundation of interlibrary loan services with on-site delivery. Belchertown residents with a C/W MARS registration card can borrow from any C/W MARS library thereby increasing their access to resources unavailable locally. Full membership in CIW MARS also includes access to the Internet and a number of costly online databases (i.e. Encyclopedia Britannica, NewsBank (newspapers), SearchBank (full text magazine index.) Consequently, our FY99 budget document will include a request for the funding needed to provide our p[patrons with the resources available on the C/W MARS Network.

   2b. Continuing Education: The Library staff will need to learn and maintain a working knowledge of a wide variety of software programs, on-line resources, etc. as we continue to offer needed assistance to patrons who wish to use the technological services made available to them. Staff members will continue to take advantage of all pertinent educational opportunities offered by WMRLS and other such agencies. The continuing education of the Library staff cannot be overlooked; alternative sources for funding for this necessary training must be discovered.

V. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Capabilities:

As an affiliate member of the C\W MARS Network the Library staff can now scan the collections of libraries throughout Massachusetts looking for materials not owned by the Clapp Memorial Library. This capability, together with our cooperation with the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, enables us to obtain needed materials from any of the 50 States. The 1,610 items distributed to our patrons Via ILL transfers in FY97 are indicative of the utility provided by this service, and of the ever increasing demand for resources that cannot be met locally.

VI. Patron Service:

This is your Library. The Library staff and Board of Trustees consider Patron Service to be our primary responsibility. If you will make us aware of the kinds of library services that you desire, we will do all that we can to bring such services to you. We appreciate your support; we look forward to serving you.

Town of Belchertown Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held March 3, 1997
at Belchertown High School and continued on March 4, 1997
FY97

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:52 p.m.
Registered voters present - 435 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Previous to the reading of the articles to be considered, the Moderator recognized Mr. Marcel Archambault, who in tribute to the late William Gerry Whitlock read the following:

On a much happier occasion, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety three, the following proclamation was issued by the Massachusetts Senate and the House of Representatives. I offer it again at this sad time of the death of William Gerry Whitlock.

WHEREAS, William Gerry Whitlock of Belchertown is retiring after decades of outstanding public service; and
WHEREAS, in his military service he has shown his love of his country; and
WHEREAS, in the gentle bonds of matrimony, he has shared love and laughter and respect; and
WHEREAS, in his devotion to his children and grandchildren, he has shown his affection for youth; and
WHEREAS, in his long and steady devotion to his parents, he has shown his concern for the aging; and
WHEREAS, in this thirty-four years of professional commitment, he has embraced the Town of Belchertown and its people; and
WHEREAS, in his affection for region, state, area, and town, he has exemplified time-honored New England values; and
WHEREAS, in his tilling of the soil, he has respected the balance of nature; and
WHEREAS, in his viewing of the North Road skies, he has seen the glory of God; and
WHEREAS, in this new season, he deserves joy and ease and a bountiful harvest,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Massachusetts General Court hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for many years of good health and continued success to William Gerry Whitlock.

I ask this assembly to join me now in a moment of silence to remember Gerry Whitlock, "THE MAYOR", a man of high spirits, good will, and gentle compassion. Thank you.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept and acquire by purchase or gift for the Town of Belchertown a parcel of land described as containing approximately 20 acres of land being a portion of th Grantor's land which was described in a deed from Fred Miche and Mary Michel to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916 an recorded with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 97 and in a dee from Avery W. Stacy to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 115, located a the former Belchertown State School site and shown as Parcel A in a plan entitled "A Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Planning and Operations" dated May 2, 199 and made by E.B. Holmberg and Associates, which is availabl for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, said land to be acquired for general municipal purposes.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 2. On the motion - To vote to appropriate an authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow $1,120,000 for purchasing for the Town o Belchertown a parcel of land described as containing approximately 20 acres of land being a portion of the Grantor's lan which was described in a deed from Fred Michel and Mar Michel to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916 and recorde with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 97 and in a deed from Aver W. Stacy to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916, and recorde with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 115, located at the forme Belchertown State School site and shown as Parcel A in a pla entitled "A Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division o Capital Planning and Operations" dated May 2, 1996 and mad by E.B. Holmberg and Associates, which is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, said land to be acquired fo general municipal purposes, and further to authorize the Boar of Selectmen to execute documents necessary to effect said acquisition.

a unanimous no vote defeated the article.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to accept and acquire by purchase o gift for the Town a parcel of land described as containing approximately 7.6787 acres of land being a portion of the Grantor' land which was described in a deed from Fred Michel and Mar Michel to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916 and recorde with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 97 and in a deed from Thomas Riley, Sr. et al to the Commonwealth dated May 16, 1923 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 791, Page 231, located a the former Belchertown State School site and shown as Parcel C on a plan entitled "A Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Planning and Operations" dated May 2, 199 and made by E.B. Holmberg and Associates, which is availabl for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, said land to be acquired for general municipal purposes.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of $40,400 from the Swift River School Construction Account to purchase a parcel of land described as containing approximately 7.6787 acres of land being a portion of the Grantor's land which was described in a deed from Fred Michel and Mary Michel to the Commonwealth dated June 9, 1916 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 722, Page 97 and in a deed from Thomas Riley, Sr., et al to the Commonwealth dated May 16, 1923, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 791, Page 231, located at the former Belchertown State School site and shown as Parcel C on a plan entitled "A Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Planning and Operations" dated May 2, 1996 and made by E.B. Holmberg and Associates, which is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office, said land to be acquired for general municipal purposes, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute documents necessary to effect said acquisition.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $37,280 to purchase a handicapped access van for the Senior Center.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $10,150 to the Council on Aging Wage Account for a transportation program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Senior Center Building Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to take no action on the motion to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $80,500 to the Senior Center Building Account for asbestos/lead paint abatement and site work.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to take no action on the motion to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $80,500 to the Police Station Building Account for asbestos/lead paint abatement and site work.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,700 to Town Accountant's Department Wage Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $5,561 to the Clapp Memorial Library Wage Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,314 to the Executive Secretary Salary Account for FY97 negotiated salary.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,152 to the Police Chief Salary Account for FY97 negotiated salary.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 14. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,000 to the Unemployment Insurance Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 15. On the motion - To vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $25,000 to the Law Account,

a majority no vote defeated the article.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,000 to the General Insurance Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Count: Yes-243; No-76)

ARTICLE 17. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $8,000 to the Injured On Duty Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $111 to the Hydrant Service Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $186 to pay a prior year unpaid bill to Sentry Uniforms.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 20. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account #5244, or take any other action relative thereto.

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 21. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, and on file in the office of the Town Accountant, in the following manner:

- Delete Section 6, Paragraph 13, Subsection 1 and insert therein the following language: "Uniforms: The Public Works Department employees covered by this By-Law will be provided with uniforms and safety wear which will be paid for and laundered by the Town as determined by the Board of Selectmen.
- Add to Section 6, Paragraph 13, Subsection 1 the following paragraph "Each mechanic in the Department of Public Works shall receive a mechanic's tool allowance of $150 per fiscal year".
- Add to Section 5, Subsection 2, the following new language: "D) An employee after having completed his/her assigned work and having left his/her place of employment and called back to work for an emergency or public safety situation by his/her supervisor prior to his/her next regular scheduled starting time will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours pay. Recall Pay is not intended to apply when an employee works extra hours that merge into his/her regular work shift. Therefore, Recall Pay is not available when an employee is called to report to duty before the start of his/her regularly scheduled shift and he/she works until the regular shift commences. Recall Pay is not available when an employee is "held over" to work after the completion of his/her regular shift."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 22. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $10,000 to codify the Town By-Laws.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 23. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purpose of implementing a computer Geographic Information System (GIS) or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote of this article, the original motion "To vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $12,000 to implement a computer Geographic Information System (GIS)" was amended by the 'take no action' amendment.)

ARTICLE 24. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $40,000 to the EDIC Expense Account.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, an amendment to "take no action" failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 25. Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended as follows:

- Add to Section III, Page 3-9: "Business Uses" Item 45. Public Rental Self Storage Unit or Building; zones denoted as follows: VR (N); AG-B (N); LR (N); MDR (PA); AG-A (N); B-2 (Y); B-1 (PA); 1 (N); MHP (SP/Z6); AND LI (N)".

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 26. Voted to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, as follows:

- Parcel A: To be changed from AG-A to MDR: The land situated westerly of Chauncey Walker Street as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Prepared for Cold Springs Development Corp.", by Sherman and Woods, dated January 16, 1997, said land being more particularly bounded and described according to said plan as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin situated N. 86 degrees 21' 55" W., 213.95 feet from an iron pin in the westerly sideline of Chauncey Walker Street, said iron pin in the westerly sideline of Chauncey Walker Street being the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Kimberly A. Nepus and thence running

S. 18 degrees 31' 49" W., 710 feet along Parcel C as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 69 degrees 08' 42" W., 775 feet along Parcel C as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 28 degrees 51' 10" W., 370 feet along Parcel C as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 56 degrees 04' 53" E., 200 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 05 degrees 12' 21" W., 64.67 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 80 degrees 39' 50" W., 120 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 73 degrees 40' 48" W., 110 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 77 degrees 25' 30" W., 670 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 01 degrees 02' 27" E., 800 feet along Parcel C as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 76 degrees 01' 58" E., 198.70 feet along land now or formerly of Gerald R. and Karen Walther as shown on said plan to an iron pin; thence running

S. 75 degrees 58' 28" E., 266.74 feet along land now or formerly of Gerald R. and Karen Walter as shown on said plan to an iron pin; thence running

S. 76 degrees 21' 28" E., 432.16 feet along land now or formerly of Gerald R. and Karen Walther as shown on said plan to an iron pin; thence running

S. 76 degrees 35' 11" E., 625.20 feet along land now or formerly of Maurice R. and Priscilla A. Fortin as shown on said plan to an point; thence running

S. 76 degrees 08' 56" E., 362.49 feet along land now or formerly of Maurice R. and Priscilla A. Fortin as shown on said plan to an iron pin; thence running

Containing 34.53 acres, more or less.

Said plan is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

- Parcel B: To be change from AG-A to B-2: The land situated westerly of Chauncey Walker Street as shown of a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Belchertown, MA Prepared for Cold Springs Development Corp.", by

Sherman and Woods, dated January 16, 1997, said land being more particularly bounded and described according to said plan as follows:

Beginning at a point situated at the southwesterly corner of Parcel B as shown on said plan, and thence running

N. 01 degrees 02' 27" E., 360 feet along Parcel C as shown on said plan; thence running

S. 77 degrees 25' 30" E., 670 feet along Parcel A as shown on said plan; thence running

N. 73 degrees 40' 48" E., 110 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 80 degrees 39' 50" E., 120 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 05 degrees 12' 21" E., 64.67 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 56 degrees 04' 53" W., 200 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

S. 56 degrees 12' 57" W., 330 feet along Parcel A as shown on said plan to a point; thence running

N. 78 degrees 04' 27" W., 460 feet along Parcel B as shown on said plan to the point of the beginning.

Containing 5.57 acres, more or less, according to said plan.

Said plan is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Count: Yes-229; No-72)

At this point in the meeting (11:13 p.m.) it was voted to adjourn, to be reconvened at the same location on Tues. March 4th, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

(Vote - Majority Yes)
(Count: Yes-118; No-23)

Tuesday, March 4, 1997, Adjourned Session
Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.
Registered voters present - 214 (Quorum required - 75)

Voted that the Town Meeting not reconsider any notes taken during the first night of the March 3, 1997 Special Town Meeting during the duration of that Special Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 27. Voted that $8,000,000 be appropriated to upgrade and expand the Belchertown Wastewater Treatment Facility, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $8,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44, Section 7(1), of the General Laws, and/or Chapter 29C, of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; that the Treasurer with the approval of the

Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust establishing pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 28. Voted to amend Town General By-Law, Article 6, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Parking", as previously amended, by adding:

- Section 6-1-3 to read as follows: "No person shall park a motor vehicle on Route 21 from the intersection of Route 202 for a distance of 4,415 feet and ending at the intersection of Chauncey Walker Street and Turkey Hill Road".
- Section 6-1-4 to read as follows: "No person shall park a motor vehicle on the westerly side of North Main Street from the intersection of Jackson Street and North Main Street for a distance northerly of 500 feet".

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 29. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $125,600 to purchase capital items as listed:

Re-roof and Siding for Finnerty House	$17,000
Voice-activated Paging System for Fire Department	$18,000
Library Reading Room Equipment	$2,000
Bathrooms at Chestnut Hill Recreation Area	$14,000
Computer Hardware and Software	$25,400
One Ton Truck with Dump Body, Plow, and Sander	$48,000
Cable Access Television Converter	$1,200

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 30. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $351,282 to the School Department Budget.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 31. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $21,115 to the School Department Budget for funds received by the Town during Fiscal Year 1997 pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 72, of the Municipal Medicaid Program.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 32. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $40,000 for the purpose of installing an elevator in the high school.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 33. Voted to rescind the authority to issue the unissued balance of the notes authorized under Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 1993 in the amount of $40,000.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 34. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of $500,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Clerk

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS

May 12, 1997

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 12, 1997
at Belchertown High School
FY97

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
Registered voters present - 122 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1) Voted to appropriate from the Computer/Purchasing Director Salary account the sum of $3,600.00 to the Computer/Purchasing Wage account and the sum of $3,500.00 to the Computer/Purchasing Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2) Voted to appropriate from the Health Insurance Town Share account the sum of $26,431.00 to the Law Account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3) Voted to appropriate from cash in the treasury the sum of $93,000.00 to the Snow and Ice Control account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4) Voted to appropriate from the Interest account the sum of $12,000.00 to the Highway Department Personal Services Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5) Voted to appropriate from the Health Insurance Town Share account the sum of $300.00 to the Highway Department Personal Services Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6) Voted to appropriate from the Health Insurance Town Share account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Street Lighting account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7) Voted to appropriate from the Police Station Construction account the sum of $795,000.00 to the Street Lighting account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8) Voted to appropriate from the Landfill Capping account the sum of $795,000.00 to the Police Station Construction account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown Massachusetts

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 12, 1997 and continued on May 13, 1997 at Belchertown High School
FY98

Moderator: Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.
Registered voters present - 477 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Girl Scouts Sarah Leary and Lindsay Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance
Followed by Music Teacher Dorothy Maloney singing our National Anthem.

The following awards were given:

To Ron Constantino, Recreation Director -
Employee of the Year Award.

To Doris Dickinson - Citizen of the Year Award
In recognition of her many years of volunteer service towards the preservation of Belchertown's history - among them as a member of the Historical Commission, and the Historic District Commission.

ARTICLE 1. Nominated and elected Virginia M. Hislop and Janet L. Wood as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, east for one year; and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 3. Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

Assessors	$9.29
Board of Health members	$6.36

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5. Voted to direct the Board of Assessors of the Town of Belchertown to make sincere efforts to communicate with and inform the citizens of the Town upon any change in methods of real property valuation, changes in information to be collected from property owners, and also to inform citizens of any deadlines for abatement applications, all in plain language, and all in a manner intended to solicit input from citizens, and not merely to meet minimum legal requirements.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6. Voted to direct the Board of Assessors of the Town of Belchertown to immediately refrain from using Income and Expense Statements and/or the Income Approach to valuation of real property of Residential Code 1, 101 through 109 Classification as defined in the Assessors Manual which includes single family condominium, mobile home, two-family, three-family, accessory land with improvement and multiple houses on one parcel.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 7. Voted to rescind Article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, and 17, 1993, which accepted General Laws Chapter 41, Section 25 regarding the appointment of assessors.

(Vote - Yes-193; No-182 = Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 8. Voted to appropriate $200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $200,000.00 and issue bonds or note therefor under General Laws Chapter 111, Section 127B 1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof, and that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 9. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 to the Conservation Land Fund.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 12. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by renaming the section "REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAY APRONS" to "TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN CURB CUT BY-LAW" and adding immediately before the existing provision the following language:

I. PURPOSE

This By-Law is intended to preserve and enhance the ability of the Town's street network to accommodate traffic in a safe and efficient manner and to provide adequate street capacity to serve local development in the Town.

II. APPLICABILITY

The following curb cuts shall be subject to the requirements set forth herein:

a) New access within public ways;

b) Physical modification to existing access; and

c) Use of new or existing access to serve the building or expansion of a facility that generates a substantial increase in or impact on traffic from properties that abut the public way.

III. APPLICATION PROCESSING

a) Submission of Application

The Board of Selectmen, or its designee, shall be responsible for issuance and/ore denial of curb cut permit applications. A permit applicant shall request issuance of a permit on a standard form furnished by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee. The application form shall be filed with the Board of Selectmen, or its designee.

b) Completeness of Permit Application

A permit application shall be stamped by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, as completed only after the following items have been received and deemed acceptable by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee:

1) The standard application form, with all information items appropriately filled out;

2) The applicant, if different from the property owner(s), must provide the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, with evidence as to consent to the application by the property owner(s).

c) Time Limits For Application Processing

1) Ten-Day Review Period

Review and comment by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, will occur within ten (10) working days of said date of receipt. Comments on deficient items will be returned to the applicant upon completion of review, but not later than ten (10) days from the stamped date, or the application must be stamped complete by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee.

2) Ten-Day Decision Deadline

When an application is deemed complete, the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, will stamp it as completed indicating the date of completion. Completed permit applications shall be approved or denied by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, within ten (10) working days of the completion date. The applicant may request or consent to an extension of the ten (10) day time period for a decision.

d) Denial of a Permit Application

The Board of Selectmen, or its designee, may deny the issuance of a curb cut permit for the requested use due to the failure of the applicant to provide sufficient roadway improvements when necessary to facilitate safe and efficient roadway operation, or when the construction and use of the access applied for would create a condition within the roadway that is unsafe or endangers the public safety and welfare.

IV. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS ONLY

a) Review of Engineering Plans

The Board of Selectmen, or its designee, may require that engineering plans and specifications provide for safe and efficient access, which protects the operational integrity of the public way. Plan review and approval shall be based on the Town DPW standards.

b) Permit Conditions

The Board of Selectmen, or its designee, shall condition an access permit to facilitate safe and efficient traffic operations, to mitigate traffic impacts, and to avoid or minimize environmental damage during the construction period and throughout the term of the permit. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to:

1) Necessary limitations on turning movements;

2) Restriction on the number of access points to serve the land parcel;

3) Vehicle trip reduction techniques;

4) Necessary and reasonable efforts to maintain existing levels of service;

5) Design and construction of necessary highway improvements by the permittee; and,

6) Reimbursement by the permittee of costs of DPW inspection of roadway improvement work.

C) Variance

Where site or traffic conditions do not allow the proposed access to meet DPW standards, the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, may vary application of the design standards set forth below on a case by case basis upon its finding that:

1) Where there are no reasonable available alternatives which would allow access in compliance with the standards. In this case, the applicant must commit to provide measures to mitigate impacts to traffic and operational safety, which the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, determines are necessary; or,

2) As an alternative procedure for the municipal projects only, the variance is necessary to accommodate an overriding community or public interest, including the avoidance or minimization of environmental impacts.

V. DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ALL CURB CUTS

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 13. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Section VI, 6.505, page 6-6, Temporary Promotional Signs,

delete:

"c. Shall not be displayed prior to fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the event to which it relates."

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town of the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $879,373.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the Town Administrator Salary which will be $53,200.00 and the M.I.S./ Purchasing Director Salary which will be $37,080.00 being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this subsection, an amendment failed, which would have raised and appropriated the sum of $877,731.00, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the Town Administrator's Salary which would be $53,200, and the MIS/ Purchasing Director Salary which would be $35,438, being considered as a separate appropriation by Town Meeting.)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,416,826.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the Police Wages account which will be $850,637.00 being considered as a separate appropriation by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this subsection, an amendment failed which would have raised and appropriated the sum of $1,390,813 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the Police Wages account which would be $824,624 being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,578,552.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $518,829.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $661,045.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $91,743.00 and appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $100,000.00 for a total appropriation of $191,743.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $77,741.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $200,000.00 for a total appropriation of $277,741.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,756.00 and appropriate from Wetlands Hearings Fees account the sum of $2,000.00 for a total appropriation of $31,756.00 to the Conservation Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to the Historical Commission and the sum of $348.00 to the Historical District Commission, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250,629.00 to the Human Services departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report with the exception of the Board of Health Wages which will be $10,455.00 being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote on this subsection - the original motion (proposing to raised and appropriated the sum of $255,076.00 to the Human Services Dept., each item and amount with the exception of Bd. of Health Wages which would be $14,902.00 recommended in the Finance Committee report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting) was amended by a majority yes vote to the figures as finally voted above.)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $313,167.00 and appropriate from recreation off-set receipts the sum of $45,000.00 for a total appropriation of $358,167.00 for Culture and Recreation departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $212,475.00 for Buildings and Grounds departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,037,373.00 for Pensions and Insurance accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $45,600.00 to the Unclassified accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,763,923.00 to the Interest and Debt accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote-Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 15. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $73,350.00 for the following items:

• Computing (4 new terminals)	$9,000.00
• Assessors Small Equipment Replacement	500.00
• E.D.I.C. Operating Budget	2,500.00
• Fire Department Copier	900.00
• Inspection Services Office Supplies & Typewriter	1,560.00
• Civil Defense Emergency Generator & Portable Radios	5,000.00
• Dog Pound - New Kennel	800.00
• Lawrence Memorial Hall - ADA Improvements and Hearing Repairs	8,400.00
• DPW - Gas Powered Partner Saw, Reciprocating Earth Compactor, High Speed Tire Balancer, 11 foot Snow Plow	11,000.00
• Old Town Hall Heating Repairs	2,500.00
• DPW - Sewer Dept. - Composite Samplers	6,300.00
• Library - Bookcases	5,000.00
• Recreation - Teen Center Supervisor	$2,600.00

• Recreation - Pool Equipment	7,930.00
• Town Beach - Beach Equipment	4,360.00
• Inspection Services - Infrared Audio System for ADA	2,500.00
• Fax Machine	500.00
• Printing Guide and Handbook	2,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 16. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws, as previously amended, by adding the following language: "The Moderator may take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he or she conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required."

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17. Voted to appropriate from the Police Station Construction account the sum of $405,000.00 to the Sewer Plant Engineering account; from the Sr. Center Construction account the sum of $49,500.00 to the Sewer Plant Engineering account; from the Sr. Center Construction account the sum of $170,000.00 to the Fire Station Architectural Plans account; and from the Sr. Center Construction account the sum of $9,675.00 to the High School Elevator account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18. Voted to appropriate from the Sewer Upgrade Engineering account the sum of $405,000.00 to the Police Station Construction account; from the Sewer Upgrade Engineering account the sum of $49,500.00 to the Senior Center Construction account; from the Fire Station Architectural Plans account the sum of $170,000.00 to the Senior Center Construction account; and from the High School Elevator account the sum of $9,675.00 to the Senior Center Construction account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain property at 521 State Street, Belchertown, as shown on Assessors Map 12, Lot 54 and as recorded at the Registry of Deeds in Northampton in Book 2498, page 154, recorded on September 27, 1984.

2/3's required (Vote - Yes-179; No-6)

ARTICLE 20. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $45,000.00 for the purchase and/or lease of Commercial Mowers for use by the DPW Maintenance Department.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

At this point in the meeting (10:40 P.M.) it was voted to recess, to be reconvened at the same location on Tues. May 13th, 1997 at 7:30 P.M.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

Tuesday, May 13, 1997 Adjourned Session
Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.
Registered voters present - 429 (Quorum required - 75)

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Ernest Gay and Fred Very, both recently having passed away.

A motion was offered to adjourn the meeting to May 19th, 1997, claiming the warrant dates were misleading. After discussion a unanimous yes vote moved the question, followed by a majority no vote on the motion.

Voted that the Town Meeting not reconsider any votes taken during the first night (May 12th) of the Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 21. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain land and/or easements for sewer purposes.

2/3's required (Vote: Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 22. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 23. Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account the sum of $950.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 24. Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under SECTION 8. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION

Paragraphs G) and H) increase each rate by 3%.

Under APPENDIX A: TOWN CLASSIFICATION-COMPENSATION PLAN:

Under 1) MANAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL

Remove Town Planner $26,189 - $36,459 and replace with

Town Planner $35,000 - $45,000

and further increase the low and high ends of the ranges by 3%.

Under 4) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE

remove the following:

Plumbing Inspector	$15.00 per inspection
Gas Inspector	$15.00 per inspection

and add:

Plumbing Inspector	$20.00 per inspection
Gas Inspector	$20.00 per inspection
Electrical Inspector	$20.00 per inspection

and under 5) PART-TIME HOURLY SCHEDULE

increase the low and the high end of each range by 3%.

and further add:

LIFEGUARD AND WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR SCHEDULE

Years of Service	Guard	AM Guard	WSI
0 to 2 years	$6.00	$7.00	$8.00
over 2 years	6.10	7.10	8.10
over 3 years	6.15	7.15	8.15
over 4 years	6.25	7.25	8.25
over 5 years	6.75	7.75	8.75

and under APPENDIX B:

WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Increase the compensation chart by 3%.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 25. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,000.00 for initial implementation of a G.I.S. System.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 26. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $20,000.00 for Administrative assistance for the E.D.I.C.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 27. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $40,000.00 to the E.D.I.C. for Master Planning.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 28. Voted to amend the Town By-Law, as previously amended, as follows:

Any building in the Town of Belchertown over 5,000 square feet, that is not occupied in whole or in part on a 24 hour daily basis, and has a monitored fire alarm system, (except single and multi-family dwellings) are required to provide an external security vault for building keys. Location of security vault and style will be under the discretion of the Fire Chief.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 29. Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $470,000.00 to the Fire Station Construction account.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 30. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed of a permanent easement to the Inhabitants of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine, for the purpose of a right of way, said easement to be located along, upon and across a portion of the property owned by Stephen S. and Margaret L. Lanphear and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the Easterly terminus of Cottage Street and the Northwesterly corner of land of Robert D. and Christina A. Hodgen.

Thence N6° -50'-30"E, 25.25 feet along the Easterly terminus of Cottage Street to a point,

Thence turning and running N88° -41'-48"E, 54.04 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running in a curve to the right, a length of 108.85 feet and a radius of 65.00 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running S4° -38'-35"W, 199.81 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running in a curve to the left, a length of 15.05 feet and a radius of 10.00 feet to a point on the Northerly side of East Walnut Street, the last 4 courses run along land of Lanphear,

Thence turning and running N81° -36'28"W, 45.10 feet along the Northerly side of East Walnut Street to a point at land of Hodgen,

Thence turning and running in a curve to the left, a length of 16.36 feet and a radius of 10.00 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running N4° -38'-35"E, 196.86 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running in a curve to the left, a length of 66.98 feet and a radius of 40.00 feet to a point,

Thence turning and running S88° -41'48"W, 57.62 feet to the point of beginning, the last 4 courses run along land of Hodgen.

This public easement is totally on land of Lanphear and contains 8,847+/- square feet.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 31. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain and to accept the deed of a permanent easement to the Inhabitants of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine, for the purpose of a right of way, said easement to be located along, upon and across a portion of the property owned by Michael S. Jr. and Nancy J. Mathras and Martha Berger and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron rod at the Southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Walter E. Bak and the Northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Michael S., Jr. and Nancy J. Mathras and Martha Berger on the westerly side of Walnut Street.

Thence S8° -12'55"E, 97.66 feet along the Easterly line of Mathras, et als and the westerly line of Walnut Street to a point at the Southeasterly corner of land of Mathras, et als and on the Northerly side of East Walnut Street,

Thence turning and running S83° -42'30"W, 23.13 feet along the Northerly side of Walnut Street to a point at the Southeasterly corner of remaining land of Mathras et als,

Thence turning and running N17° -06'40"E, 16.01 feet along land of Mathras, et als to a point,

Thence turning and running N2° -57'E, 84.00 feet along land of Mathras, et als to an iron rod at the Southeasterly corner of land of Bak, at the point of beginning.

Containing 964+/- square feet.

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 32. On the article - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise and to accept the deed of a permanent easement to the Inhabitants of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine, for the purpose of a right of way, said easement to be located along, upon and across a portion of the property owned by Cheryl A. Pinkham, et als, described as follows: And, further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds in the treasury or by borrowing a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

ARTICLE 33. Voted to discontinue a portion of a right of way land easement known as Cottage Street, as shown on Assessors' Map 10C Lot 35 and Map 10C Lot 36, and to transfer the care, custody, management and control of such land to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the Fire Station lot and on the Easterly side of North Main Street. Said point is N12° -17'-30"W, 47.00 feet from a Stone Bound marking station 332+29.92 of the 1925 County Layout.

Thence N12° -17'30"W, 22.00 feet along the Easterly side of North Main Street to a point at the Southwesterly corner of land of the Town of Belchertown,

Thence turning and running N81° -50'-45"E, 74.42 feet along the Southerly side of land of the Town of Belchertown to a point,

Thence turning and running N84° -6'-50"E, 105.54 feet along land of the Town of Belchertown to a point at the Southwesterly corner of land of David R. & Carol J. Gay,

Thence turning and running S9° -18'-5"E, 23.56 feet long Cottage Street to a point on the Northerly line of land of the Town of Belchertown, (Police Station lot)

Thence turning and running S82° -45'-20"W, 28.71 feet along the Northerly line of the Town of Belchertown to an iron rod,

Thence turning and running S86° -0'-50"W, 57.87 feet along other land of the Town of Belchertown and the Fire Station lot to an iron rod,

Thence turning and running S82° -31'-50"W, 92.34 feet along the Northerly side of the Fire Station lot to the point of beginning.

Containing 4,111 +/- square feet.

2/3's required (Vote - Yes-336; No-1)
(Vote - Majority Yes)

ARTICLE 34. On the article - To see if the Town vote to join the Fire Station Building Committee and Police Station Building Committee together for the purpose of building a multi-purpose fire and police complex where the Fire Station and Police Station are presently located with the possibility of obtaining two or three houses to make room for this complex, or take any other action relative thereto-

it was voted to take no action.

(Vote - Unanimous No Action)

ARTICLE 35. On the motion - to have Center School renovated to be used as a Senior Center and to move the Superintendent of Schools closer to the elementary and middle school,

a majority no vote defeated the article.

(Vote - Majority No)

ARTICLE 36. Voted to appropriate from the Elementary School Building Construction account the sum of $65,000.00 to purchase a parcel of land of Arthur R. & Diane M. Lemire as shown on Belchertown Assessors' Map 10A, Lot 102 and recorded at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton in Plan Book 4551, Page 234 and containing 18.2 +/- acres, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain to accept such parcel upon such terms and conditions as it shall determine for municipal purposes.

2/3's required (Vote: Yes-268; No-92)

(Prior to the final vote on this article, a majority yes vote moved the question.)

ARTICLE 37. On the motion - to approve a non-binding resolution directing the Board of Selectmen and the Belchertown Rail Trail Committee to continue the Town's three year effort ... (see entire text in Warrant),

(Vote - Majority No)

(Prior to the final vote and after lengthy discussion, the following took place:

a) A motion to vote by paper ballot failed by a count of Yes-104; No-253

b) Debate was cut off by a vote of Yes-241; No-108)

(After the final vote - a motion to "reconsider" failed by a majority no vote.)

ARTICLE 38. Voted to petition the General Court for a special act to read as follows: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective office in town of Belchertown may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as herein provided.

SECTION 2. Any qualified voter of the town may make and file with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the elected official south to be recalled and a statement of grounds for removal. The town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voter making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks for recall. Said blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto; and shall be dated and addressed to the selectmen. Said blanks shall contain the name of the person to whom issued, the number of blank copies so issued, the name of the elected official sought to be removed, the office from which removal is sought, the grounds of removal as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to said office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within twenty-one days after the filing of the affidavit. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by qualified voters of the town, equal in number to at least twenty-five percent of the average total vote in the three most recent annual town elections, but not less than five hundred qualified voters of the town. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The said recall petition shall be submitted at or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the Monday preceding the day on which it must be filed, to the registrars of voters in said town, and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters in said town.

SECTION 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to the selectmen within three business days, and the selectmen shall forthwith give written notice to said elected officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the said officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a removal election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than sixty-five nor more than ninety days after the date of the town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within eighty-five days after the date of said certificate, the selectmen may, at their discretion, postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a removal election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

SECTION 4. Any elected officer who has been removed by a vote at the removal election may be a candidate to succeed himself in an election to be held to fill such vacancy. The nomination of all candidates, the publication of the warrant for the removal election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a removal election, and the conduct of the same, shall be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided by this act. A majority of those voting at the removal election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer.

SECTION 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the removal election. If said incumbent in not removed, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before. If not re-elected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall be deemed removed and the office vacant.

SECTION 6. Ballots used in the recall election in said town shall submit the following propositions in the following order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)
Against the recall of (name of officer)

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter by making a mark may vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "candidates" and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided. In the case of machine voting, or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting, appropriate provision shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted, or take any action relative thereto.

SECTION 7. No recall petition shall be filed against an elected officer of said town within six months after he takes office, nor in the case of an elected officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after that election.

SECTION 8. No person who has been recalled from an elected office of said town, or has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(Vote - Majority Yes)

(Prior to the final vote of this article, the following took place:

a) In the 2nd sentence of Sec. 5, an amendment deleting the last five words "subject to recall as before", failed by a majority no vote.

b) A 2nd amendment also failed which would have deleted Sec. 8 in its entirety.)

ARTICLE 39. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 140, Acts of 1996 which amends Section 16 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws by inserting after the word "first" in line 100 the following words: - provided, further, that a superintendent may, with the approval of a majority of the member communities, submit said budget for approval following the notification of the local aid distribution, so-called.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 40. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift to the Town of Belchertown, a certain parcel of land in Belchertown as shown on Assessors' Map #4, Lot 9, and as recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds n Book 1489, Page 438, dated July 1966.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:55 P.M.

Attest:

William R. Bartnett
Town Clerk

Certification of Appropriation
Town of Belchertown
Annual Town Meeting Held May 12 & 13, 1997 FY98

Article #	Budget or Dept.		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
1-3	None		—	—	—	—	—	—
4.	Assessors-Legal Counsel-resolving court tax cases		100.00	—	—	—	—	100.00
5-7	None		—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Water Pollution Abatement Facility Projects		200,000.00	—	—	—	200,000.00	—
9.	None		—	—	—	—	—	—
10.	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use		30,000.00	—	—	—	—	30,000.00
11.	Conservation Land Fund		1,000.00	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
12-13	None		—	—	—	—	—	—
14.	Itemized Budgets							
General Government		(Total)	879,373.00					
	1. Moderator,	Salary	—	25.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
	2. Selectmen,	Salary	—	6,300.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	9,929.00	—	—	—	—
	3. Town Administrator,	Salary	—	53,200.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	5,150.00	—	—	—	—
	4. Town Accountant,	Admin. Secretary, Salary	—	42,913.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	103,092.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	19,450.00	—	—	—	—
	5. Town Clerk,	Salary	—	14,026.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	35,618.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	4,790.00	—	—	—	—
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector,	Salary	—	28,587.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	97,172.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	36,800.00	—	—	—	—
	7. M.I.S./Purchasing Dir.,	Salary	—	37,080.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	9,166.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	26,735.00	—	—	—	—
	8. Bd. of Assessors,	Assessors (Board)	—	3,200.00	—	—	—	—
		Assessors (Salary)	—	35,786.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	113,200.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	29,291.00	—	—	—	—
		Field Review Update	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
	9. Law Account,	Fees	—	81,300.00	—	—	—	—

Article #	Budget or Dept.		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
10.	Finance Committee,	Wages	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	527.00	—	—	—	—
11.	Election & Regis.,	Salary	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	8,500.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	5,125.00	—	—	—	—
12.	Planning Board,	Salary	—	40,000.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	16,442.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	4,485.00	—	—	—	—
13.	Bd. of Appeals,	Wages	—	2,884.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
14.	Edonomic Development I.C.,	Expenses	—	2,500.00	—	—	—	—
15.	Rail Trail Committee,	Expenses	—	1,500.00	—	—	—	—
16.	Cable Access TV Oper.,	Expenses	—	750.00	—	—	—	—
Public Safety (Total)			1,416,826.00					
17.	Police Dept.,	Salary	—	54,262.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	850,637.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	134,361.00	—	—	—	—
18.	Ambulance Service,	Wages	—	52,190.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	12,236.00	—	—	—	—
19.	Fire Dept.,	Salary (Chief)	—	41,262.00	—	—	—	—
		Full-Time Firefighters	—	30,925.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	54,820.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	52,975.00	—	—	—	—
20.	Hydrant Service,	Expenses	—	18,215.00	—	—	—	—
21.	Dog Officer,	Salary (Dog Officer)	—	1,200.00	—	—	—	—
		Salary (Asst Dog Officer)	—	600.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	8,184.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	5,742.00	—	—	—	—
22.	Inspection Services,	Salary	—	35,786.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	50,413.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	11,348.00	—	—	—	—
23.	Civil Defense,	Wages	—	350.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	1,320.00	—	—	—	—

Article #	Budget or Dept.		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
Town School Department		(Total)	12,578,552.00					
24.	Administration		—	370,561.00	—	—	—	—
	Instruction		—	8,210,610.00	—	—	—	—
	Other School Services		—	1,041,671.00	—	—	—	—
	Operation & Maintenance		—	1,264,661.00	—	—	—	—
	Insurance Programs		—	998,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Fixed Assets		—	16,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Programs with Other Schools		—	677,049.00	—	—	—	—
Regional School Department, Pathfinder		(Total)	518,829.00					
25.	Pathfinder		—	518,829.00	—	—	—	—
DPW-Highways		(Total)	661,045.00					
26.	DPW-Highways-Personnel,	Salary	—	52,150.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	290,220.00	—	—	—	—
		Uniforms	—	3,500.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	400.00	—	—	—	—
27.	DPW-Snow Removal,	Expenses	—	95,050.00	—	—	—	—
28.	DPW-Road Machinery,	Expenses	—	55,700.00	—	—	—	—
29.	DPW-Construction Materials,	Expenses	—	22,000.00	—	— —	—	—
30.	DPW-Hired Services,	Expenses	—	48,300.00	—	—	—	—
31.	DPW-Street Lighting,	Expenses	—	29,000.00	—	—	—	—
32.	DPW-Streets,	Expenses	—	42,800.00	—	—	—	—
33.	DPW-Professional Engineering,	Expenses	—	10,500.00	—	—	—	—
34.	DPW-Town Garage,	Expenses	—	11,425.00	—	—	—	—
Landfill Enterprise Fund		(Total)	191,743.00					
35.	Wages		—	58,318.00	—	—	—	—
	Expenses		—	21,425.00	—	100,000.00 (Landfill rcts)		—
	Hazardous Waste Day	—	—	12,000.00		—	—	—
Sewer Enterprise Fund		(Total)	277,741.00—					
36.	Salary	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	
	Wages	—	26,441.00	—	—	68,738.00 (Sewer rcts)		—
	Expenses	—	—	—	—	131,262.00 (Sewer rcts)		—
	Maturing Debt.	—	49,900.00	—	—	—	—	
	Maturing Debt Interest	—	1,400.00	—	—	—	—	

Article #	Budget or Dept.		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
Conservation Commission		(Total)	31,756.00					
37.	Wages	—	29,056.00	—	—	—	—	
	Expenses	—	700.00	—	2,000.00 (Wetlands Hearings Fees)		—	—
Historical Commission/District		(Total)	848.00					
38.	Historical Commission,	Expenses	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
39.	Historical District,	Expenses	—	348.00	—	—	—	—
Human Services Dept.		(Total)	250.629.00					
40.	Board of Health,	Salary	—	2,825.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	10,455.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	4,875.00	—	—	—	—
41.	Council on Aging,	Salary	—	31,415.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	113,420.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	24,820.00	—	—	—	—
42.	Veterans Services,	Agent Salary	—	5,200.00	—	—	—	—
		Agent Expenses	—	600.00	—	—	—	—
		Veterans Benefits	—	27,200.00	—	—	—	—
43.	Veterans Graves,	Expenses	—	645.00	—	—	—	
44.	DPW-Cemetery Commissioners,	Salary	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	12,000.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	16,974.00	—	—	—	—
45.	Mobilehome/Rent Control Bd.,	Wages	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	200.00	—	—	—	—
Culture & Recreation Depts.		(Total)	358,167.00					
46.	Clapp Memorial Library,	Salary	—	36,773.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	84,391.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	43,685.00	—	—	—	—
47.	Parks & Recreation,	Salary	—	31,520.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	56,704.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	16,156.00	—	—	—	—
48.	Parks & Rec. Offset Rcts (Pool),							
		Wages & Expenses	—	22,384.00	—	45,000.00 (Off-set rcts)	—	—
49.	Parks & Rec. Tn.Bch,	Wages & Expenses	—	16,270.00	—	—	—	—
50.	DPW-Old Town Hall,	Expenses	—	5,284.00	—	—	—	—

Article #	Budget or Dept.		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
Buildings and Grounds		(Total)	212,475.00					
51.	DPW-Maint/Grndskeeper,	Salary	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
		Wages	—	139,765.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	22,400.00	—	—	—	—
52.	DPW-Law. Mem. Hall,	Wages	—	8,370.00	—	—	—	—
		Expenses	—	27,590.00	—	—	—	
53.	DPW-Town Common,	Expenses	—	1,350.00	—	—	—	—
54.	DPW-Town Clock,	Wages	—	500.00	—	—	—	—
55.	DPW-Police Station,	Expenses	—	8,350.00	—	—	—	—
56.	DPW-Finnerty House,	Expenses	—	4,150.00	—	—	—	—
Pensions and Insurance		(Total)	1,037,373.00					
57.	General Insurance,	Expenses	—	184,572.00	—	—	—	—
58.	Unemployment Insurance,	Expenses	—	10,000.00	—	—	—	—
59.	Workers Compensation Ins.,	Expenses	—	36,203.00	—	—	—	—
60.	Health Insurance,	Expenses	—	296,801.00	—	—	—	—
61.	Group Life Ins.,	Expenses	—	1,500.00	—	—	—	—
62.	FICA-Medicare-Tn. Share,	Expenses	—	31,800.00	—	—	—	—
63.	Pensions,	Expenses	—	476,497.00	—	—	—	
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Unclassified Accounts		(Total)	45,600.00					
64.	Patriotic Exercises,	Expenses	—	300.00	—	—	—	—
65.	Printing Annual Reports,	Expenses	—	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
66.	Unclassified Account,	Expenses	—	41,300.00	—	—	—	—
Interest & Debt Accounts		(Total)	1,763,923.00					
67.	Interest,	Expenses	—	672,603.00	—	—	—	—
68.	Maturing Debt,	Expenses	—	1,091,320.00	—	—	—	—
15.	Sundry Items (18)		73,350.00	—	—	—	—	73,350.00
16.	None							
17.	To Sewer Plant Engineering acct from from Police Station Construction acct.		405,000.00	—	—	405,000.00	—	—
	To Sewer Plant Engineering acct. from Sr. Center Construction acct.		49,500.00	—	—	49,500.00	—	—
	To Fire Station Architectural Plans acct. from Sr. Center Construction acct.		170,000.00	—	—	170,000.00	—	—
	To High School elevator acct. from Sr. Center Construction acct.		9,695.00	—	—	9,675.00	—	—

Article #	Budget or Dept.	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Stabilization Fund	From Other Available Funds	From Borrowing	From Free Cash
18.	To Police Station Construction acct. from Sewer Upgrade Engineering acct.	405,000.00	—	—	405,000.00	—	—
	To Sr. Center Construction acct. from Sewer Upgrade Engineering acct.	49,500.00	—	—	49,500.00	—	—
	To Sr. Center Construction acct. from Fire Station Architectural Plans acct.	170,000.00	—	—	170,000.00	—	—
	To Sr. Center Construction acct. from High School Elevator acct.	9,675.00	—	—	9,675.00	—	—
19.	None						
20.	Purchase and/or lease of Mowers for DPW	45,000.00	—	—	—	—	45,000.00
21-22.	None						
23.	From Sale of Cemetery Lots acct. to Cemetery Lot Development acct.	950.00	—	—	950.00	—	—
24.	None						
25.	Implementation of G.I.S.System	12,000.00	—	—	—	—	12,000.00
26.	Administrative assistance for E.D.I.C.	20,000.00	—	—	—	—	20,000.00
27.	To E.D.I.C. for Master Planning	40,000.00	—	—	—	—	40,000.00
28.	None						
29.	To Fire Station Construction acct.	470,000.00	—	470,000.00	—	—	—
30-35.	None						
36.	Purchase land for municipal purposes from A. & D. Lemire- from Elementary School Bldg. Construction acct.	65,000.00	—	—	65,000.00	—	—
37-40.	None						
Grand Totals		**22,450,630.00**	**19,877,880.00**	**470,000.00**	**1,681,300.00**	**200,000.00**	**221,450.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town Election, May 18, 1997

*Denotes elected

Office	Name		Prec. A	Prec. B	Prec. C	Total
Moderator 1 year						
	*Terry Scott Nagel		317	442	399	1,158
	Joseph White (Writein)		3	6	3	12
	Sundry Writeins		8	3	10	21
		Blanks	141	142	161	444
		Totals	469	593	573	1,635
Selectmen 3 years						
	*Linda E. Barron		248	315	259	822
	M. Florine Neggers		221	267	232	720
	*Gerald A. Grasso		204	277	290	771
	Michael J. Reardon		177	207	238	622
	Sundry Writeins		0	2	1	3
		Blanks	88	118	126	332
		Totals	938	1,186	1,146	3,270
School Committee 3 years						
	*Barbara Schaffer Bacon		286	393	347	1,026
	*Sharon D. Barnett		304	403	373	1,080
	Sundry Writeins		5	1	12	18
		Blanks	343	389	414	1,146
		Totals	938	1,186	1,146	3,270
Planning Board 5 years						
	*Elizabeth C. Chase		301	438	373	1,112
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	3	3
		Blanks	168	155	197	520
		Totals	469	593	573	1,635
Board of Health 3 years						
	*Roger M. Bonsall		319	456	380	1,155
	Sundry Writeins		1	0	5	6
		Blanks	149	137	188	474
		Totals	469	593	573	1,635
County Commissioners 2 years						
	Bernard R. Kubiak		175	190	205	570
	*Donald R. LaPorte		274	379	331	984
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	1
		Blanks	20	24	36	80
		Totals	469	593	573	1,635

Question 1.

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty- eight of the General Laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including resonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of any act or ommision except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the officials at the time of such act or ommission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?

Votes cast on May 19, 1997	469	593 (22% voted)	575	1,635

Registered voters at Belchertown:

Democrat	2,084
Republican	1,093
Unenrolled	4,168
Others	22
	7,367

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 3,
1997 at Belchertown High School
FY98

The meeting was called to order twenty minutes late, at 7:50 p.m., by Town Moderator Terry Nagel.

A quorum was declared to be present.

The delay was caused by the unusually high turnout of voters (estimated at somewhere around two thousand). After some 610 voters had been checked in, the Moderator determined that there would not be sufficient room for the remaining voters. He therefore decided to open the meeting and then to recess it immediately until Monday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Belchertown High School. The meeting was recessed at 7:53 p.m.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held September 15,
1997 at Chestnut Hill Community School
FY98

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:37 P.M.
Registered voters present - 152 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from the following sources the sum of $343.383.00 to the Fire Station Construction account:

Elementary School Construction account	$60,000.00
Jr. Sr. High School Construction account	1,688.30
Middle School Construction account	193.70
Interceptor Sewer of 1969 account	2,331.61
Daigle Well Water Line account	37,896.74
Stabilization Fund	241,272.65

(Vote - 2/3's Majority Yes - Voice Vote)
(The Moderator asked if there were any requests for a hand count. There were none.)

Meeting dissolved at 7:50 P.M.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Town of Belchertown
Massachusetts

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting called for November 3, 1997 but recessed to November 17, 1997
FY98

Moderator - Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.
Registered voters present - 367 (Quorum required - 75)
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1 which was "To see if the Town will vote to approve a non-binding resolution directing the Board of Selectmen and the Belchertown Rail Trail Committee to continue the Town's three year effort, in concert with the effort of the State Department of Environmental Management, in creating a multipurpose public use trail from Warren Wright Road (Amherst) through the center of Belchertown to Bondsville, following as closely as possible the former Boston and Maine Right of Way, as per design recommendations from the Engineering phase, using only Federal, State or grant funds specifically allocated for this purpose, being sensitive to the concerns of all abutters, or take any other action relative thereto:, and **ARTICLE 2** which was "To see if the Town will vote to approve a binding resolution as follows: Be it RESOLVED that it is the will and direction of the Town Meeting that the Town of Belchertown, its elected and appointed officials, employees, committees, and agents take no further action or actions in furtherance of the creation of a multipurpose public use trail in Belchertown, commonly known as the 'Belchertown Rail Trail', or take any other action relative thereto', were decided on the day of this meeting (November 17th) by a public opinion poll held from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Chestnut Hill School - all parties agreeing to abide by the results.

It was therefore voted to take NO ACTION on both Articles 1 & 2 (UNANIMOUS)

The results of the poll - settled after a carefully observed recount on November 19th.

Article 1	Yes - 1,255
	No - 1,309
Article 2	Yes - 1,290
	No - 1,258

ARTICLE 3

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $500,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 4

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $303,526.00 to acquire for the Town of Belchertown, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, for whatever purposes as deemed appropriate by the Town, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem fit, a parcel of land described as containing approximately 20 acres of land located at the former Belchertown State School site and shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "A Plan of Land in Belchertown, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Planning and Operations", dated May 2, 1996 and made by E.B. Holmberg and Associates, said land to be acquired for general municipal purposes.

2/3's Required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 5

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,379.95 to pay the following bills incurred in a prior year:

South Hadley Fuel	$2,113.25
Frank's Lawnmower Service	64.70
Department of the Interior	48.00
Arch Paging	144.00
Checkers Store	10.00

9/10ths Required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 6

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,125.00 for the following capital expenditures:

Computer Equipment, Software	$45,125.00
Building at Lake Arcadia	15,000.00

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 7

Voted to accept the "User Charge System for Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sanitary Sewer Extensions" dated May 1997 including the assessment of betterment assessments for the total capital costs of sewer extension projects by the uniform unit method as set out in said User Charge System, interest upon the apportionment of said assessments to be at a rate equal to two percent above the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for the borrowing authorized for such projects or at the lowest rate authorized by law, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature for special legislation that will permit apportionment of said assessments at a rate of interest equal to the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for such borrowing, including the ability to charge zero interest if the Town is able to obtain a zero interest loan, and that will permit extension of time for payment of assessments upon land which in not built upon until it is built upon, with interest at the same rate of interest chargeable to the Town for such borrowing. (See attached USER CHARGE SYSTEM document at the end of Meeting results.)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 8

Voted the sum of $1,300.000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction of a system for the collection and discharge of sanitary sewage from the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative into the proposed force main in Springfield Road, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws and other costs incidental and related thereto; and to raise this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow this amount and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 29C of the General Laws, such bonds or notes to be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project; provided that no sums shall be raised or expended hereunder until the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative or any other source shall have provided such security as the Selectmen shall approve to ensure reimbursement to the Town of all sums expended by the Town in connection with the project and its financing and the Selectmen are hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the Town a covenant or other instrument to ensure such reimbursement; and that the Board of Selectmen, as sewer commissioners, shall assess one hundred percent of the town's cost for said system, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws and other costs incidental and related thereto, upon those who benefit from said system, namely the Pine Valley Plantation Cooperative Cooperation, such assessment to be made by the uniform unit method, interest upon the apportionment of said assessment to be at a rate equal to two percent above the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for the borrowing authorized hereunder or at the lowest rate authorized by law, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature for special legislation that will permit apportionment of said assessments at a rate of interest equal to the rate of interest chargeable to the Town for such borrowing, including the ability to charge zero interest if the Town is able to obtain a zero interest loan.

2/3's required (2/3's yes declared by Moderator
in accordance with Town Bylaw)

ARTICLE 9

Voted to raise appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 as the Town's contribution along with the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of development rights under the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, of the Valley Farm on West Street, Belchertown, owned by Joseph and Claire Austin.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 10

Voted to accept Chapter 71 section 71F of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, retroactive of July 1, 1997 allowing the School Committee to have the Cherry Sheet allowance for Tuition of State Wards placed in a separate account for their use.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 11

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,000.00 to the School Committee for their use in lieu of reimbursement of the Medicaid payments.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 12

Voted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the transportation program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center, such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 13

Voted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, to re-authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of maintenance of the building and grounds housing the Day Care Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from rental of said building and shall be under the control of the Director of Public Works; such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 14

Voted to appropriate from the Dog Officer Expense account the sum of $632.00 to the Dog Officer Wage account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 15

Voted to appropriate from the 1996 Transportation Bond Issue the sum of $436,223.00 for capital improvements on local roads pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 16

Voted to appropriate from the Inspection Services Salary account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Inspection Services Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 17

Voted to appropriate from the Planning Board Salary account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Planning Board Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 18

Voted to appropriate from the Assessors Salary account the sum of $6,000.00 to the Assessors Expense account.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE 19

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section VII - Special Use Regulations: 7.4 Earth Removal:

Section 7.40 General - The removal from the premises and processing of soil, loam, sand, gravel, clay, sod, quarried stone or other mineral deposits is allowed in the Town of Belchertown in those districts as stated in Section III of this By-Law upon the obtainment of a Special Permit for earth removal from the Board of Selectmen. Delete from Section 7.40 the three last words, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, and replace with PLANNING BOARD.

Also, delete the words Board of Selectmen, and replace with Planning Board, in the following Sections: 7.42; 7.439; 7.441; 7.450; 7.455; 7.458; 7.4582; 7.46; and 7.48.

Section 7.457 - The Planning Board may recommend conditions to the permit granting authority, not specifically provided for herein, on any Special Permit relating to earth removal - Delete from Section 7.457, the words "to the permit granting authority".

2/3's required - (2/3's yes declared by Moderator n accordance with Town Bylaw)

ARTICLE 20

On the article -

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the rear of the so-called Lemire parcel on Sargent Street, Assessors' Map 237, lot 5, which presently zoned Ag-B, to B-2, thereby placing the entire parcel in the B-2 zone, or take any other action relative thereto,

it was voted to take no action.

2/3's Required (Vote - Unanimous No Action)

ARTICLE 21

Voted to amend the Official Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, to add a definition to Section 1.1, Definition of the Zoning By-Law for "Wireless Communications Facilities"; to amend Section 3, Schedule of Uses, as follows: Delete "Private or public telecommunications facility" from Governmental, Institutional and Public Service Uses, add "Wireless Communications Facilities" to Business Uses, Wireless Communications Facilities are allowed by SP/P in Ag-A. Ag-B, B-1, B-2,I and LI and they are not allowed in VR, LR, MHP and MDR; to add a new Section 12 entitled Wireless Communications Facilities, with the following subsections: Overview, Definition, Intent, Authority, Use Restrictions, Cessation of Use and Obsolescence, Special Permit Granting Authority, and Submission Requirements, Administration, Application Review; and to change the existing Section 12, Administration, to Section 13., as shown on file in the Planning Board office, (See attached "WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES" document at end of Meeting results.)

2/3's required (Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

USER CHARGE SYSTEM
FOR
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT &
SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
May 1997

Introduction

This User Charge System has been designed to produce revenues required for the operation and maintenance of the Town of Belchertown's wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewers, including capital costs for wastewater treatment plant upgrade and sanitary sewer extensions. This User Charge System is also designed to generate sufficient revenues to cover, at a minimum, replacement stock for sewers, costs relating to the replacement and repair of sewers, including street work, maintenance of all equipment and related appurtenances necessary for provision of wastewater treatment services, all costs of chemicals and other supplies relating to the treatment of wastewater, costs relating to personnel for wastewater collection and treatment systems, and all administrative costs relating to operation of the wastewater collection and treatment system and the collection of fees as provided for by this User Charge System. This User Charge System has been developed in accordance with the requirements of 310 CMR 41.15, providing that each user which discharges pollutants that cause an increase in the cost of managing the effluent or sludge from the treatment works shall pay for such increased costs.

Notification

Notification of fees and other charges assessed under this User Charge System shall be provided to users in conjunction with a regular bill to be issued quarterly under most circumstances, but in no case less than annually. This notification shall include the rate and that portion of the user charges which are attributable to wastewater treatment services.

Financial Management System

The Town shall maintain a financial management system that will accurately account for revenues generated by this User Charge System and expenditures for operation and maintenance (including replacement) of the treatment system, based on an adequate budget identifying the basis for determine the annual operation and maintenance costs and the costs of personnel, material, energy and administration. The Budget shall be prepared on an annual basis and shall be approved by Town Meeting vote. An independent audit of the financial management system shall be performed on a periodic basis.

Methodology

This User Charge System provides for the recovery of wastewater and sewer related costs from four (4) sources: 1) user fees, 2) property betterment assessments, 3) wastewater treatment assessments and 4) general property tax rates. This system has been designed to acknowledge that the improvements to the wastewater treatment works will benefit the community as a whole and will benefit future as well as current users. This system is also designed to acknowledge that the extension of the sewer system to new areas will benefit new users to a greater extent than existing users and also to acknowledge that existing users have already contributed to the costs of the existing sewerage system whereas new potential users have not. The system is also designed to provide for payment of wastewater treatment based on estimates of actual usage of the wastewater treatment facilities as measured by water meter readings and a flat rate fee.

User Fees

User fees shall be developed based on the annual projected budget for operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities, including maintenance and repair of the collection system. These costs shall be allocated to all users based on metered water consumption records. Where a user's water consumption is not metered, the Board of Selectmen may use an appropriate estimate for the user's discharge to the collection system. Where a commercial or industrial user discharges wastes of unusual characteristics, the Board of Selectmen may impose additional fees to cover the costs associated with treatment of such wastes.

Property Betterment Assessments

The capital costs of installation of sanitary sewer extensions shall be recovered in majority through property betterment assessments applied to new users of new and existing sewer systems. Property betterment assessments shall be based on the number of connected single family dwelling equivalents as determined in Table 1 presented below. For commercial or industrial facilities, or facilities not otherwise listed, the number of single family dwelling equivalents may be determined by the Board of Selectmen based either on recommended design flow values found in 310 CMR 15.203 (Title V design criteria) or based on estimates of the long term average flow for the facility or other method as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen.

The extension of sewer service will provide future benefit to areas which are currently undeveloped. The base projection for total buildup for the entire sewered area is approximately 2,554 Equivalent Dwelling Units, with approximately 1,798 new units. Estimates for new units for the first year and fifth year are 284 and 876 units, respectively. In order to reduce the financial burden on those users who connect to the sewer system early in the design planning period, a portion of the capital cost for the new sewer extension will be placed on the general tax role. This portion will decrease as additional users are connected.

Table 1
Single Family Equivalents

Residential Type	Design Flow (gallons)	Unit	Single Family Equivalents
Family Dwelling, Single	330	Dwelling	1
Family Dwelling, Duplex	110	Bedroom	2 min.*
Family Dwelling, Multiple	110	Bedroom	2 min.*
Family Mobile Home Park	300	Unit	0.9
Retirement Mobile Home Park	150	Unit	0.45
Housing for the Elderly	150	Unit	0.45
Nursing Home/Rest Home	150	Bed	0.45
Motel, Hotel, Boarding House	110	Bedroom	0.33
Bed & Breakfast	110	Bedroom	0.33

*Equivalent Units = Number of Bedrooms * 110/330

For the purposes of calculating the property betterment assessment, the total capital costs for the sewer extension projects over a twenty year period will be divided by 1,798 potential new future equivalent dwelling units. This will determine the betterment assessment per equivalent single family dwelling. The betterment assessment for other types of residential or commercial facilities will be determined by multiplying the single family equivalency factor times the single family dwelling betterment assessment. That portion of the capital costs for the sewer extension project which is not covered by revenues generated by the betterment assessments will be absorbed by the general tax revenues.

Wastewater Treatment Assessments

The capital costs for wastewater treatment plant improvements shall be recovered in majority through a wastewater treatment assessment applied to all users. Wastewater treatment assessments will apply to all users based on equivalent single family dwelling units as described above. Additionally, a portion of the capital costs for the wastewater treatment system improvements shall be funded through the general tax roles.

The improvements to the wastewater treatment facilities will provide future benefit to areas of the community which are currently undeveloped. The base projection for total buildout for the design of the treatment plant is approximately 2,554 Equivalent Dwelling Units. Estimates for total first year and fifth year connections are 1,040 and 1,632 units, respectively. In order to reduce the financial burden on those users who use the treatment facilities early in the design planning period, a portion of the capital cost for the wastewater treatment facility improvements will be placed on the general tax role. This portion will decrease as additional users are connected.

For the purposes of calculating the wastewater treatment assessment, the total capital costs for the sewer extension projects over a twenty year period will be divided by 2,554 potential future equivalent dwelling units. This will determine the wastewater treatment assessment per equivalent single family dwelling. The wastewater treatment assessment for other types of residential or commercial facilities will be determined by multiplying the single family equivalency factor times the single family dwelling wastewater treatment assessment. That portion of the capital costs for the wastewater treatment improvements which is not covered by revenues generated by the wastewater treatment assessment will be absorbed by the general tax revenues.

General Property Tax

As discussed above, a portion of the capital costs for wastewater treatment facility improvements and sewer extensions will be funded from the general property tax revenues. The amount to be funded from the general property tax roles will decrease as additional users are brought on-line. The amount to be funded from the general tax roles will be determined each year by subtracting projected revenues from betterment and wastewater treatment assessments from the total capital recovery costs for the year.

Example Residential Costs

Example annual residential costs for wastewater treatment using this system are calculated for three (3) cases: 1) existing single family users, 2) new single family user, 3) new retirement community user. The estimated required annual tax revenues for year one and year five of the planning period are also calculated.

Table 2 provides a summary of estimated annual costs for operations and maintenance as well as capital improvements and the projected number of EDU's for Year 1, Year 5 and the Design Year. The number of EDUs is further broken down into new and exisiting users for purposes of estimating revenues from betterments. The estimated billing rates for a single family dwelling unit discharging one EDU of wastewater is allso calculated in Table 2. Total revenues generated from each billing classification and the tax base revenues required to fund capital improvements for Year 1 and Year 5 are also presented in Table 2.

Table 3 provides estimates for typical quarterly billings for existing single family users, new single family users and new retirement community users.

Table 2
Financial Summary

	Year 1	Year 5	Design
Annual Costs			
O&M	$311,000	$549,000	
WWTP Capital	$342,000	$342,000	
Sewers	$66,000	$404,000	
Total Costs	$719,000	$1,295,000	
Projected EDUs			
Existing Sewer	756	756	756
New Connections			
Existing Sewer	0	158	618
New Sewer	284	718	1,180
(Subtotal)	284	876	1,798
Total	1,040	1,632	2,554
EDU Billings			
Use Fees	$299	$336	
Annual WWTP Assessment	$134	$134	
Betterment Assessments	$225	$225	
Projected Revenues			
Use Fee	$311,000	$549,000	
Annual WWTP Assessment	$139,264	$218,537	
Betterment Assessments	$233,682	$366,701	
(Subtotal)	$683,946	$1,134,238	
Tax Revenue	$35,054	$160,762	
Total	$719,000	$1,295,000	

Table 3
Estimated Individual User Billings

	Existing Single Family User 1 EDU		New Single Family User 1 EDU		New Retirement Community User 0.45 EDU	
	Year 1	Year 5	Year 1	Year 5	Year 1	Year 5
Annual Billings						
User Fee	$299	$336	$299	$336	$135	$151
WWTP Assessment	$134	$134	$134	$134	$60	$60
Betterment	$0	$0	$225	$225	$101	$101
Total Annual Bill	$433	$470	$658	$695	$296	$313
Quarterly Billing	$108	$118	$164	$174	$74	$78

Inconsistent Agreements

Upon adoption of this User Charge System by the Board of Selectmen, this User Charge System shall take precedence over any terms or conditions of agreements or contracts which are inconsistent with the requirements of 310 CMR 41.15.

Adoption of System

Pending Approval of this User Charge System by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection subject to 310 CMR 41.15, the Board of Selectmen at a duly authorized meeting shall formally adopt this User Charge System to take effect within 90 days of the award of the loan or grant from the Department for the financing of the wastewater treatment and sewer collection systems.

This User Charge System was adopted by the Board of Selectmen on _____________ at a duly authorized meeting.

Signatures: Not required for Town Meeting action.

New Definition for Section 1.1 of the Zoning By-Law

Wireless Communications Facilities - The structures and devices to facilitate cellular telephone services, personal communications services and enhanced specialized mobile radio service as defined in Section 701 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Included are towers, antennae mounted to towers or other structures, and accessory structures, such as sheds, which are directly required for facility operations.

Not included in this definition are antennae and dishes used solely for residential television and radio reception; antennae and dishes used for commercial or public purposes which are not visible from any neighboring property or public way; and amateur radio facilities used in accordance with the terms of any amateur radio service license issued by the Federal Communications Commission provided the tower is not used for commerce.

SECTION XII: WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

12.0 Overview

12.00 Definitions

Refer to S. 1.1 of this Bylaw.

12.01 Intent

This section contains specific requirements to guide the special permit process for wireless communications facilities. These guidelines are intended to provide maximum wireless communication coverage as mandated by Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, while protecting the general welfare and aesthetic integrity of the Town of Belchertown.

12.1 Authority

A. The Belchertown Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for all purposes under this section and shall adopt rules and regulations with respect to the administration of applications or Special permits under this section, subject to the conditions set forth below and in accordance with the provisions of S. 12.2 of this Bylaw, and M.G.L., Ch. 40A, S. 9 and S. 11, as amended.

B. Waiver of Compliance

The Belchertown Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority under this section, in appropriate cases may waive strict compliance with such requirements of Section XII of this Bylaw, as provided in M.G.L., Ch. 40A, S. 9, where such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Act.

Waiver requests shall be submitted in writing with the application for a wireless communication facility. Waivers granted by the Planning Board under this sub-section may be limited by conditions which shall be endorsed on the plan to which said conditions relate or set forth in a separate instrument attached to the plan.

12.2 Use Restrictions

A. Wireless Communications Facility Other Than A Tower
A wireless communication Facility other than a wireless communications tower may be erected upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board subject to all of the following conditions:

1. Installations on existing buildings shall be camouflaged or screened and designed to be harmonious and architecturally consistent with the building. Any equipment associated with the facility shall be located within the building or otherwise so hidden as to be invisible.

2. No facility shall project more than ten feet above the existing roof line of the building, or more than ten feet above the top of the existing structure upon which it is mounted, or more than five feet out from the plan of the existing wall or facade to which it is attached, provided such projections do not otherwise violate existing yard dimensions or set-back requirements.

3. Any proposed addition of cells, antennae or panels, or replacement of a facility shall be the subject of a new application for an amendment to the special permit.

4. All building-mounted facilities shall be designed and located so to appear as an integral part of the existing architecture of the building.

5. All wireless communication facilities shall be protected against unauthorized access by the public.

B. Wireless Communications Facility Tower
A wireless communications tower, including antennae and accessory structures, may be erected upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board and is subject to all of the following conditions:

1. To the extent feasible, all service providers shall co-locate on a single tower. Towers shall be designed to structurally accommodate the maximum number of foreseeable users technically practicable within a ten-year period.

2. New towers shall be considered only upon a finding by the Planning Board that existing or approved towers cannot accommodate the wireless communication equipment planned for the proposed tower.

3. No tower shall be located closer than two miles to any other such tower.

4. Tower height shall not exceed one hundred fifty feet above the existing terrain.

5. The base of a tower shall be a distance of at least equal to the tower's height from any property line or existing structure.

6. One tower only is permitted on any lot.

7. Accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall not exceed four hundred square feet in area and fifteen feet in height.

8. Existing vegetation shall be preserved as much as possible.

9. The Planning Board may impose conditions to ensure that wireless communications facilities are as visually inobtrusive as possible from all perspectives. These conditions may include structural design, painting, lighting and landscaping standards.

10. Any proposed extension in the height, addition of cells, antennae or panels, construction of a new facility, or replacement of a facility shall require a new application for an amendment of the special permit.

11. No tower or other facility structure shall contain any signs or other devices for advertising.

12. Announcement signs, "No Trespassing" signs, and a sign with the owner's telephone number are required. The area of these signs will conform to the Belchertown Zoning By-law, Section 6.5.

13. Except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration, towers shall not be artificially lighted.

12.3 Cessation of Use and Obsolescence
All unused towers or parts thereof, or accessory facilities and structures which have not been used for one year, shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. Prior to issuance of a building permit for a wireless communications tower, the applicant is required to post with the Town Treasurer a bond or other form of financial security acceptable to the Town Treasurer in an amount set by the Building Inspector. The amount shall be suitable to cover demolition, removal and disposal of the tower and its accessories in the event the Building Inspector condemns the tower, parts of the tower or any parts of the tower's accessories, or deems it unused for more than one year. The Building Inspector shall give the tower's owner 45 days' written notice by registered mail before demolition commences. All demolition and removal costs will be billed to the tower's owner and any unpaid amounts will become an encumbrance on the property.

12.4 Special Permit Granting Authority
After notice and public hearing in accordance with Section 9 of the Zoning Act (M.G.L., Ch. 40A, S. 9), the Planning Board may, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Town Engineer and Building Inspector grant such a special permit provided that the conditions in this Section 12 and any special conditions placed by the Planning Board have been adequately met.

12.5 Submission Requirements, Administration, Application Review
All requirements of Section 13.2 of this by-law apply.

12.6 The Planning Board may periodically amend or add rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of this section.

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
EMERGENCY NUMBERS

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

LOOKING FOR?	WHERE DO I FIND IT?	TELEPHONE
• Accounting Payable/Payroll	Town Accountant	323-0403
• Cable TV Complaints	Cable TV Advisory Committee c/o Board of Selectmen	323-0403
• Cable TV Service	Amrac Cablevision	323-9203
• Cemetery Plot	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Birth and Death Certificates	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Building, Gas, Electrical Permits	Building Inspector	323-0402
• Burning Permits	Fire Department	323-7571
• Dog Complaint	Dog Officer	323-6880
• Dog Complaint Forms	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Environmental Questions	Conservation Commission	323-0405
• Fire Department (Business)		323-7571
• Library Programs	Clapp Memorial Library	323-0417
• Marriage Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Police Department (Business)		323-6685
• Pool and Beach Passes	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Recreational Programs	Recreation Department	323-0419
• Recycling and Trash Information	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Road Concerns, Snow Plowing	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• School Registration	School Department	323-0423
• Senior Activities	Senior Center	323-0420
• Septic and Well Permits	Board of Health	323-0406
• Sewer Billing Questions	Department of Public Works	323-0415
• Smoke Detector Inspections	Fire Department	323-7571
• Sporting Licenses	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Subdivision Questions	Planning Board	323-0407
• Tag Sale Permits	Board of Selectmen	323-0403
• Tax Assessments/Abatements	Board of Assessors	323-0413
• Tax Payments	Tax Collector	323-0400
• Trash (Transfer Station)	Department of Public Works	323-0415
Stickers and Trash Bags	Selectmen's Office	323-0403
• Tree Problems	Public Works	323-0415
• Veterans Issues	Veterans' Agent	323-0409
• Voter Registration	Town Clerk	323-0400
• Water Billing Question	Water District	323-6987
• Zoning Questions	Building Inspector	323-0402

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